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Tony M. Babauta, the assistant U.S. Interior secretary for Insular Affairs, said yesterday that there's currently no legislation that considers the department's April 2010 recommendation to grant long-term foreign workers in the CNMI an improved immigration status. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said that nonresidents should stop hoping that they will be given improved status.

Babauta said "there's nothing from the [Obama] administration currently where we would propose legislation to address that particular issue."

Some 18 months have passed since Interior submitted its recommendation to Congress on granting status to foreign workers who have been lawfully in the CNMI for at least five years.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 1466, which seeks CNMI-only resident status for four groups of people, does not propose granting improved status to foreign workers as recommended

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Some $1M in rebate checks out

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Holiday gifts came early for some residents who started getting their rebate, refund, and federal stimulus checks yesterday. Other checks will be delivered this morning.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said that some 1,000 federal stimulus, rebate, and refund checks totaling an estimated $1 million were released starting yesterday to those who filed their 2010 income tax returns early.

After the release of the first batch of checks, the following batches will be issued every two weeks on an increment of some $500,000, Inos said.

"We want to let the public know that we have begun the process of [releasing] tax refund, rebate [checks]," Inos said, responding to *Saipan Tribune* questions yesterday at the ribbon cutting for the new Hemodialysis Center in Garapan.

Samuel Navarro, 45, went to check their mail box at the post office in Chalan Kanoa around 4pm yesterday to see whether they got their child tax credit check estimated at $1,000 but to his surprise, what he got was his wife's 2010 rebate check worth

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, third from left, and U.S. Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs Tony M. Babauta, fourth from left, lead the ribbon cutting for the new multimillion-dollar Hemodialysis Center in Garapan yesterday. From left, former governor Pedro Tenorio, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Fitial, Babauta, governor's special adviser Shigeyoshi Kato, acting deputy secretary for hospital administration Esther Muna, and Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez.

'New dialysis center is most modern in region'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial led other officials yesterday for the official opening of the long-delayed Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Dialysis Center, described as the most modern hemodialysis facility in the region.

"Undoubtedly, this is a major accomplishment and a most welcome health care development for our people. We now have a much needed 11,000-square-foot renal care facility. Not only is this an impressive facility but we now have the most modern hemodialysis center in the Pacific region located right here in the CNMI. This facility will definitely go a long way in ensuring that top-of-the-line care is afforded to patients that need to go through dialysis," said Fitial.

The dialysis project was initiated in

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Fund: Jorgensen misleading public about his biz location

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Attorney Bruce Jorgensen is either running his law practice from the residential homes of associates or clients, or he is misleading the public regarding his business location, according to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Fund legal counsel Braddock J. Huesman pointed out that Jorgensen has no correct address listed with the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Instead of filing a business address as required by the Local Rules, Huesman said that Jorgensen has filed an admittedly defunct address with the court and routinely used the home addresses of other people he may or may not be associated with.

As an example, Huesman cited that Jorgensen, as counsel for unnamed retirees who are suing the Fund and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, used co-counsel's Timmothy Lord's home address as his business address.

"This was so even after Mr. Jorgensen informed the court, orally, that Mr. Lord would no longer be participating in the case," Huesman said.

At some point thereafter, Huesman said, Jorgensen "changed" the address in his pleadings—but not the address registered with the District Court—to the home address of an individual whom Jorgensen attempted to improperly substitute as a plaintiff in the unnamed retirees' lawsuit.

Finally, Huesman said, the only mail he has received from Jorgensen had a return Price address, a South Carolina address, but it was postmarked from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Huesman stated this comments in response to Sapuro Rayphand's bid to strike the Fund's motion to remand the Fund's lawsuit, saying it appears that Jorgensen has asked the District Court to strike a paper on the basis that a certificate of service had an incorrect address.

"Against this backdrop, Mr. Jorgensen appears to be requesting that the motion to remand be struck on the basis that the accompanying certificate of service contained the only actual address he has registered with this court, the Maryland address," Huesman said.

Putting aside the bizarre nature of the request, Huesman said that seeking a highly punitive sanction for listing an address that is the only official address Jorgensen has listed with the court "is wholly improper given the facts and state of the law."

The Fund counsel said Jorgensen's and Raypand's request lacks merit and should be denied.

Rayphand, through Jorgensen, has asked the federal court to allow the transfer of the Fund's lawsuit against the CNMI government from the Superior Court to the District Court.

In Rayphand's opposition to Fund's motion to remand the lawsuit to the Superior Court, Jorgensen said that the Commonwealth Retirement Association's standing as a post-judgment intervenor was recognized by the parties in the lawsuit.

Jorgensen said that Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo had granted CRA's intervention.

On the Fund's motion to impose sanction against Jorgensen, Jorgensen said that Huesman's assertion is a frivolous sanction request that does not merit a monetary award.

Rayphand wants the case transferred to the federal court because it has been more than two years now since associate judge Govendo rendered a $230 million judgment in the case yet there has been little, if any, meaningful steps toward enforcement of that judgment.

Man allegedly threatens to behead other with machete

A man who was arrested previously for domestic violence was apprehended again on Tuesday for allegedly threatening to behead his stepfather with a machete.

Faustino P. Litulumar, 22, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $5,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 19 at 9am.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Litulumar, armed with a machete, had arrived at his mother's house in Koblerville at 12:30am, threatening to behead his mother's common-law husband, Terwik Ludwig.

Ludwig climbed out of the bedroom window and ran to the nearby KB Market and Laundry to report the incident to the police.

Fearing that Litulumar might turn on her, the mother escorted her son away from her house. She then walked to KB Market and Laundry where she met Ludwig, who was with a police officer.

A police officer later spotted Litulumar passing by in a car. The officer chased the vehicle and arrested the defendant.

Last April 16, Litulumar and his girlfriend Gina Bhagchadani, 37, and his mother, Margarita S. Litulumar, 42, were all arrested for fighting after a drinking session at their house in Koblerville.

On July 5, police arrested Faustino Litulumar and Bhagchandani for child neglect after their 9-year-old son called the police on his parents for being drunk and repeatedly arguing.

A responding police officer learned that Bhagchandani, Litulumar, and his mother were all under the influence of alcohol. The officer noted that there were children at the area that were unattended and neglected because both parents were drunk. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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CUC: LEAC model too complex, costly and must be replaced

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. strongly disagrees with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission on the need to retain the current method for computing CUC's fuel charge, saying it must be eliminated and replaced with a new formula.

CUC said that the proposal to change the LEAC model, or the levelized energy adjustment clause, to the monthly fuel adjustment clause, or MFAC, is necessary because of the high level of complexity involved in LEAC computations, expending so much time and resources.

At the same time, CUC said that replacing the LEAC model—which changes every six months—with a formula that will compute the fuel charge every month will result in significant benefits for its customers.

A Senate bill now pending in the House of Representatives proposes to make the change. The commission had opposed the bill's passage, saying it will have significant negative impact on consumers.

"On the contrary, the bill will have a significant benefit on CNMI consumers, by ensuring that they will pay a fuel charge that reflects immediate actual fuel costs. The current LEAC charge is a six-month charge that can vary widely from actual fuel costs, based on the changes in the price of a barrel of oil over that long period of time. Further, implementing an MFAC will eliminate the need for CNMI ratepayers to pay the significant costs incurred in administering the LEAC charge. The complex and cumbersome process of developing, updating, and regulating the LEAC has resulted in significant costs for legal and CPUC consulting fees. These fees will be unnecessary under an MFAC," CUC told *Saipan Tribune* in a statement.

According to the commission, the Senate bill has no formula by which consumers and the commission would know what is included in the monthly fuel adjustment clause, a claim denied by CUC.

"This is incorrect. The legislation contains as an appendix a copy of the specific model and formulas that will be used to calculate the MFAC. The model is based on the LEAC but is far less complex and burdensome to update. The CPUC will be provided a copy of the MFAC model immediately upon implantation of the charge. The proposed legislation does not change the CPUC having statutory authority over rates."

It added that the MFAC will also be reviewed and approved by CUC management prior to implementation and the MFAC charges will be subject to audit every three months to verify that it is collecting the proper amount of fuel-related charges. The audit will be done by an independent auditor who can verify the calculation.

On reimbursement

In its letter to the Legislature, the commission indicated that there is no provision in the bill for reimbursing consumers for the over-recovery of fuel-related expenses.

CUC said this is incorrect and reiterated that there is no verification that any over-collection in LEAC revenues has occurred. Further, CUC said there is substantial evidence to indicate that CUC's LEAC and non-LEAC revenues are significantly less than expenses.

"CUC's August financial statements reveal that CUC has experienced an operating loss of $8,120,441 for the year to date, and LEAC revenues have been $1,610,233 less than fuel expenses. In light of these numbers, allegations of 'over-collections' do not appear to be based in fact. CUC has repeatedly stated that it is willing to meet with CPUC staff to discuss its analysis and the economic and mathematical details regarding why there has not been an 'over-collection' of revenues. This analysis is also contained in CUC's recent water and wastewater filing," it said.

According to CUC, the bill does not strip the CPUC of its authority over rates and the MFAC proposal is far from being "cloaked in secrecy" because all calculations and relevant work papers will be available to the public. CUC said it considers the process of calculating an MFAC to be open and easy to understand and describe, "unlike the far more complicated and confusing" LEAC calculation model.

Problems with LEAC model

CUC said it has experienced several difficulties in operating and administering the LEAC method in the two years since it was implemented.

"It has been very difficult for CUC staff to update the LEAC model and complete a new LEAC calculation. The model developed to calculate the LEAC is highly complex, as it is composed of approximately 15 separate spreadsheets [that] require substantial data input. The process for updating the model is extraordinarily time-consuming in terms of acquiring the necessary data, entering it into the correct areas of the model, and testing the model's output for accuracy and reasonableness. CUC senior staff must spend approximately two person-weeks completing each update, which diverts their time and attention from other job responsibilities," it said.

$1.1M bill from Georgetown in 2008

Due to the complexity of the LEAC model, CUC said the commission's consultant, Georgetown, billed CUC a total of $1.124 million in fees and expenses since December 2008, with a large portion devoted to LEAC development and updates. Further, since oil prices surged in late 2010, resulting in two emergency LEAC increases, Georgetown has billed CUC about $81,000 for its assistance in these increases. CUC considers the level of time and expense it must devote to LEAC-related issues "to be far too burdensome" for its ratepayers.

CUC and Georgetown, it added, have engaged in numerous contentious disputes over the model's findings. These disputes have involved the LEAC rate itself and the amounts of any alleged over-recovery by CUC of revenues relative to fuel expenses. These disputes have only added to the costs CUC and its ratepayers have been compelled to incur in order to maintain the LEAC.

"CUC believes that the implementation of the MFAC will eliminate these issues, result in far less cost to CNMI ratepayers and effort for CPUC and CUC staff, and ensure that as oil prices decrease the savings will be immediately passed through to ratepayers. The MFAC legislation does not change the CPUC having statutory authority over rates. CUC is a publicly run, non-profit utility—we serve only the peoples of CNMI," added CUC.

Senator wants pay hike freeze lifted for cops

Most CNMI police officers are paid $16,000 to $18,000 a year, while police patrol officers in the United States earn a median salary of $51,000 a year or from $30,000 to $100,000 depending on skills and other factors, said Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

Because of the disparity in wages, the peril of being a police officer and the critical role that police officers play in the community, Taimanao is proposing to exempt the Department of Public Safety from the salary increase freeze through her Senate Bill 17-93.

Taimanao said that DPS may not be able to pay its officers the median salary of mainland police officers but it must be given flexibility to adjust the salaries of officers on a case-by-case basis.

The Senate is expected to act on Taimanao's SB 17-93 on Tuesday, she said last night. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Man gets 14-day sentence for stealing milk

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has slapped a 14-day prison term against a man who stole seven containers of milk worth $132.93 from a store on Capital Hill.

Wiseman sentenced Vincent San Nicolas Muña on Wednesday to six months in prison, all suspended except for 14 days, for theft, with credit for time served.

Muña will begin serving his sentence today, Saturday, at 8am; he is expected to be released on Oct. 28 and will be placed on two years of supervised release. He was also required to pay $132.93 to Sara Market, a $200 fine, $25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Muña with theft. He pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal.

Muña stole seven containers of 12.9 oz Similac infant formula from Sara Market on Aug. 22, 2010.

This wasn't Muña's first brush with the law; he has two prior arrests for alleged theft.

In April 2007, Muña and a 17-year-old boy were arrested shortly after a security guard caught them allegedly shoplifting some items at the former Price Costco in San Jose. The guard was injured when the teenager struggled.

In January 2008, Muña and a 17-year-old boy were arrested for allegedly beating up a businessman inside the Hi-Mart Store in Dandan.

Police said one of the suspects punched the storeowner in the face, causing a struggle. The suspects also allegedly attacked the owner with a metal pipe and a large rock.

It was not clear whether Muña was convicted in the San Jose and Dandan incidents. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NMC students to conduct opinion survey on Saipan casino issue

Students of Northern Marianas College instructor Sam McPhetres' Current Issues in the CNMI course are inviting CNMI voters to participate in a public opinion survey about the legalization of a casino industry in Saipan on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

The aim of the survey is to provide data on how many individuals support or oppose the legalization of a casino industry on the island. The results from the survey, however, will be non-binding. This means that these results will not affect any prospective law or policy regarding the issue. Although the results will be non-binding, it can assist the leaders of the CNMI in deciding whether to propose any law or policy regarding casinos.

Those registered to vote in the CNMI will be eligible to participate in this survey. For those who have not registered to vote, the deadline to register to vote and still be able to participate in the survey is Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, at the Commonwealth Election Commission. This Oct. 21 deadline is only applicable to those who wish to participate in the survey.

Voters who are unable to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, can take the survey earlier on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, from 8am to 12pm at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Room D-1.

Those who wish to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, (8am – 5pm) will take the survey at a designated location, which is assigned based on village of residence and voting precinct.

San Antonio San Vicente Koblerville	Precinct 1A Precinct 1B Precinct 1C	NMC Campus (Bldg. D, Room 1)
Susupe Chalan Kanoa Oleai Garapan	Precinct 2 Precinct 2 Precinct 3A Precinct 3A	Multi-Purpose Center (Susupe)
Tanapag San Roque Capital Hill Northern Islands	Precinct 4A Precinct 4B Precinct 4C Precinct 4D	Legislature Lobby Area (Capitol Hill)
Kagman	Precinct 5	Kagman Community Center

Survey participants are also asked to present a valid form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

For inquiries or more information, contact Sam McPhetres at 234-5498 ext.1204. ***(NMC)***

NEWS BRIEFS

Saipan Community School roll list for Q1

6th Grade

- B honor 3.00-3.49: Joo Young Kim, Jae Hyun Park, Nathaniel Lim, Harry Woo, Paul Heo.

7th Grade

- A honor 3.50-3.99: Carl Dela Cruz, Yu Bin Park, Kevin Lee
- B honor 3.00-3.49: Elnathan Wong, Stephanie Lee, Alex Kim, David Crisostomo
- A honor 3.50-3.99: Quintin Ramsey, Mary Grace Tiglao, Ji Hoon Lee
- B honor 3.00-3.49: Tammy Ackerman, Jameson Kui Lee, Jason Lee, Jun Pyo Jeon

Jeffry's Beach red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Jeffry's Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. DEQ said that samples collected from this beach had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Navy, Marines, Air Force training on FDM, Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 17, from 8am to 8pm
- Oct. 18, from 7am to 11pm
- Oct. 19, from 7am to 10pm
- Oct. 20, from 7am to 1am
- Oct. 21, from 7am to 9pm

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Oct. 17–21, from 7am to 1am.

The public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

TRICARE provider applications open

ROCKVILLE, MD—The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has issued a notice to all affiliated institutions (including DMHSA) regarding newly available resources for becoming a TRICARE Behavioral Health Care Provider, aimed to better serving military service members, veterans, and their families.

In her message, SAMHSA (Center for Mental Health Services) director Kathryn Power identified "Military Families Initiative" as one of SAMHSA's key strategic initiatives, providing support to America's service men and women—active duty, National Guard, reserve, and veterans—and their families by leading efforts to ensure that needed behavioral health services are accessible and that outcomes are positive.

TRICARE is the healthcare entitlement that reimburses for medical and behavioral health services outside the confines of a military treatment facility. TRICARE-reimbursed services include (but are not limited to) outpatient therapy, acute hospitalization, partial hospitalization, residential treatment center (children and adolescents), and substance use disorder rehabilitation.

Local healthcare providers falling under the following categories may apply as a TRICARE Provider:

- Psychiatrists
- Clinical psychologists
- Certified psychiatric nurse specialists
- Clinical social workers
- Certified marriage and family therapists
- Pastoral counselors
- Mental health counselors / Licensed professional counselors

The SAMHSA Technical Assistance Packet for Becoming a TRICARE provider may be accessed at http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/resources_services/becoming_a_tricare_provider. For more information, contact the SAMHSA/TRICARE liaison at john.sparks@trow.tma.osd.mil. ***(PR)***

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2004 but was delayed due to funding constraints, other issues, and lack of Medicare certification.

Fital also recognized yesterday one of the Commonwealth's medical pioneers for whom the new facility is named after: the late Dr. Jose T. Villagomez, a founding father of the Commonwealth Health Center and director of the CNMI Department of Public Health.

Department of the Interior's Insular Affairs assistant secretary Anthony M. Babauta was also present during the occasion and lauded the progress of the islands' health care services.

With the new facility, Babauta said that 78 percent of all patients currently needing dialysis can be served simultaneously. He expects about 105 patients to be treated weekly. The center has 27 new stations and two isolation wards.

"I want to commend the CHC for the efforts they have undertaken as a health center with limited resources, to coordinate their efforts to bolster cooperation between diabetes program here on island and the fight against other non-communicable diseases. CHC has made vast improvements in the area of preventive care, bringing to light the issue of renal disease, uncontrolled diabetes, and uncontrolled high-blood pressure and how all of these health complications disproportionately affect our island communities," he told the crowd yesterday.

Babauta encouraged the island community to live a healthy lifestyle and pointed out the need for preventive care to avert contracting chronic diseases.

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said that the completion of the facility is a combination of more than 10 years of planning and construction of the project. He recognized the contributions of both the federal and local governments in making the facility a reality for the Commonwealth.

From 2001 through 2011, the number of hemodialysis patients in the islands doubled from 80 to 159. Of this figure, 107 are being treated at CHC.

REBATE

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$866.22 instead.

"I came here for the child tax credit check, what I got was a rebate check and it's okay," said Navarro, who was also accompanied by their daughter Jaime, 8.

The father of one said he and his wife will use the rebate check to settle their household bills, buy clothes, and perhaps a nice Friday night dinner.

He said his wife filed her 2010 tax return sometime in March this year, ahead of the April 15 deadline.

The Fitial administration is looking at the release of a total of 12,000 checks amounting to $7 million to $8 million by December, including the ones that were already mailed out starting yesterday.

Inos said the administration is thankful for the public's patience during the past months.

"We were happy to release the advance child tax credit in time for the school opening [in August]. We know that's an important source of funding for the parents and of course that helps the kids. Now we're into the second phase of the project, which is to issue out the 'making work pay credit' or stimulus, refund, and rebates based on dates of filing," he added.

For tax year 2010, the "Making work pay credit" which people refer to as federal stimulus check of up to $400 is available for eligible taxpayers.

Marie Babauta, supervisor at Island Business Systems and Supplies (CNMI) Corp., said she has yet to get her 2009 rebate check but she's surprised to get her 2010 rebate check yesterday worth $422 and this was just a portion of what she thought would get—$791.

Babauta said she went to mail a letter around 1:30pm so she went to check her mailbox since she was at the post office anyway. She said she will deposit the check in her bank account for now.

While others who got their checks yesterday filed on or before March 31, Babauta said she filed her tax return on the last date of filing on April 15.

"I guess I'm lucky," she added.

Becky Camacho, of San Roque, went to the Chalan Kanoa post office yesterday but didn't find a rebate check in her mailbox.

"I don't know when I will get my rebate check but I hope soon. I will use it to pay my CUC bills," she said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that rebate checks will also be delivered this morning.

"A power outage [Friday] stalled the process as staffers were not able to run the postage stamp machine," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Yesterday was austerity Friday, but some of Finance's Revenue and Taxation Division staffers worked on the distribution of checks.

Inos said the 12,000 estimated number of rebate and refund checks, along with the federal stimulus, to be released this year is lower than the numbers released in the past years by at least 20,000, mainly because of a decrease in population.

A refund is for tax that has been overpaid or incorrectly paid, and is returned to the taxpayer.

It is different from the rebate, which is for tax properly paid and is subsequently returned to the taxpayer under a rebate provision.

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by Interior.

Babauta said that Interior carried out its mandate under U.S. Public Law 110-229 "and beyond that, there wasn't any formal communication with Mr. Sablan to introduce or not to introduce legislation."

The options that Interior recommended included conferring outright U.S. citizenship on these long-term aliens, a grant of permanent residency status leading to U.S. citizenship, and a grant of status similar to those given to citizens of Freely Associated States.

'Stubborn'

Fitial said that since the beginning, he believed Congress won't grant improved immigration status to foreigners in the CNMI.

"The U.S. Congress is not stupid to entertain a few thousands [in the CNMI] and they're fighting over 12 million over there [mainland]. That's very basic. But nobody wants to believe me…so now we have a lot of not only illegal overstayers but also unemployed overstayers," Fitial said in an interview at the ribbon cutting for the new Hemodialysis Center in Garapan yesterday.

Babauta was also in the CNMI yesterday for the new Hemodialysis Center's ribbon cutting.

Fitial said "a lot" of nonresidents workers "don't have jobs."

"They are here because they still believe there's light at the end of the tunnel," he added.

Fitial said these individuals are "stubborn." But he also acknowledged that there are many jobless aliens now going home.

Crunch time

It's now crunch time for unemployed nonresidents to find an employer that will file a Commonwealth-only worker status for them by Nov. 27.

Without a job by that date, nonresidents will lose their status to remain in the CNMI and could face deportation unless they fall under those categories that are eligible for parole.

They include CNMI permanent residents, immediate relatives of CNMI permanent residents, spouses, and children of deceased CNMI permanent residents, and immediate relatives of FAS citizens or those from Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia's Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Yap.

Many jobless nonresidents in the CNMI are still hoping that the federal government will grant them improved immigration status before Nov. 27 because they have worked in the CNMI for five, 10, 20, or more years.

Many of them are from the Philippines.

Stable workforce

DHS' U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services published the final worker rule on Sept. 7 and spent two weeks holding public outreach sessions to help employers and employees understand the final regulations.

Interior's Babauta lauded DHS for its efforts in educating employers and employees about the CW rule.

Now that the final worker rule are released, Babauta hopes that the CNMI workforce will "remain stable" and lead to a turnaround in the CNMI economy.

November is Education Month; top educators to be honored

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Student winners of the Education Month's theme-writing competition pose for a group photo with education officials after an awarding ceremony yesterday at the Public School System's main office. The Education Board endorsed yesterday November as CNMI Education Month to honor the school system's educators and employees.

The CNMI State Board of Education has proclaimed November as the Commonwealth's Public School System's Education Month and has lined up a series of educational activities that will recognize the support and achievement of stakeholders that have contributed to the success of the school system.

The proclamation was made during the board's special meeting yesterday when it also endorsed Nov. 23 as CNMI Education Day. This year's theme is "Education: Shaping our life, our world, and our future."

PSS traditionally recognizes all outstanding employees at this time, including the teachers of the year, teacher aides of the year, support staffers of the year, best school administrators, counselors, and outstanding administrative staffers.

The overall winners for each category will be named on Education Day itself, with the teacher of the year awardee representing the Commonwealth for the title at the national level.

According to this year's Education Day committee chairperson, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Charlotte Camacho, a lineup of activities for the monthlong festivities is being prepared in individual schools as they honor their education awardees.

Yesterday, 2011 CNMI Teacher of the Year Raena Bermudes helped Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan and board members hand out certificates of recognition to the winners of this year's Education Day theme contest: Oleai Elementary's Jerlyn Singeo, first place; William S. Reyes Elementary's Dayna N. Cabrera, second place; and GTC's Autumn Camacho, third place.

Board chair Marylou Ada said the occasion will provide an opportunity for PSS to increase public awareness of the role of education on the islands, the Pacific region, and the world; and to promote closer cooperation and stronger relationship between educators and the community.

She said PSS believes that the cornerstone of intellectual and character development for children is founded on the teaching of basic academic skills and character building skills.

PSS, she added, believes in the implementation of programs that foster enthusiasm for learning and develop diverse cultural awareness, knowledge, and understanding appropriate to the Commonwealth's heritage and traditions as well as other people and their culture.

ARRA team recognized

Sablan and the board also recognized yesterday several groups and departments that contributed to the overall success of projects funded by the 2009 State Fiscal Stabilization Fund that totaled $32.4 million.

Awarded certificates of appreciation were the Human Resource Office headed by Charlie Kenty; the Technology Department headed by Joseph Torres; Federal Programs Office led by Tim Thornburgh; Procurement and Supply Office headed by Robert Florian; Fiscal and Budget Department led by Richard Waldo; Capital Improvement Project Office led by Rachel Fusco; and individual recognitions for PSS financial consultant Ed Tenorio and federal monitoring officer George Palican.

Sablan said that PSS has been very successful in meeting all project deadlines through the collaboration of these various departments.

Free seminar to see God's truth from the Bible

The Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist Church will be holding a free seminar that would give people of different faiths the opportunity to know the Bible.

"All the Islands of the Sea" will be held from Oct. 15 to Nov. 5 at 7am to 8:30pm at three different locations: in Chinatown across from Luka Ben Ent., SDA school in San Antonio, and in Kagman at the SDA church and clinic.

Pastor Carlos Sotomayor will serve as the speaker in Chinatown, SDA clinic director Dr. Kenneth Pierson and Hardt Eye Clinic's Eric Mahinay in San Antonio, and Lily Inos and Vicky Kosam in Kagman.

Sotomayor said "All the Islands of the Sea" will feature 17 different presentations on topics that include knowing the future, secrets of ancient scrolls, what happens when you die, why are there so many denominations, why is there so much suffering, signs you can't ignore, and making a new start.

Sotomayor said they conduct the seminar once or twice a year, with the last one held in April.

"It's really exciting because people have a beautiful picture of what the Bible actually has to say. Many are suffering and they don't know exactly what to believe. …The Bible has the answer," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

After the free seminar on Saipan, Sotomayor said he will go to Tinian and Kagman leader Michael Martin will go to Rota to do the same presentations.

During the presentation on Sunday, Oct. 15, Sotomayor said they will also conduct a free health fair and screening at the SDA church and clinic in Kagman.

"We're also going to be having short health lectures every night, 10 to 15 minutes, just to educate people concerning their health because we believe that God also wants us to be healthy," said Sotomayor.

For more information about the free seminar, call Carlos Sotomayor at 285-0782, Michael Martin at 285-1844, the SDA church at 234-7234 or email islandsofthesea@hotmail.com. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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A president by popular vote

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The last time the Electoral College received much attention was in 2000, when Al Gore won the popular vote for president while being denied victory over George W. Bush because of a second-place finish in electoral votes. Reformers hoped that discrepancy would be the impetus for approval of a constitutional amendment establishing what many Americans believed already existed: a nationwide popular vote for president. But the moment passed.

Now a legislator in Pennsylvania is proposing a change in that state's election law that would bring the presidential vote there closer to the one-person, one-vote principle that is at the heart of a popular vote. Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi is proposing that Pennsylvania's electoral votes no longer be awarded on a statewide, winner-take-all basis. Instead, they would be divided proportionally depending on who won in each of the state's congressional districts, making them more reflective of the popular vote in the state. The remaining two votes would go to the statewide winner.

Opposition to this plan has come largely from Democrats, who worry that district-by-district apportionment of electoral votes in Pennsylvania would favor a Republican nominee. That is hardly a principled objection. But other critics object to a situation in which Pennsylvania would opt out of the system used by virtually every other state. (Only two states, Nebraska and Maine, apportion electoral votes partly by congressional district.)

An alternative, and preferable, reform was signed into California law this summer by Gov. Jerry Brown. It commits California to awarding its electoral votes for president to the winner of the national popular vote. The provision, however, takes effect only when states with a total of 270 votes or more—the winning margin in the Electoral College—sign on to the system. It's an ingenious approach that would turn the presidential election into a popular vote without a constitutional amendment. (In addition to making the presidential election more democratic, it would also encourage candidates to campaign in formerly "safe" states.)

Of course, neither of these arrangements is a substitute for the abolition of the Electoral College through a constitutional amendment. The system is a vestige of a time when states' rights were considered more important than individual rights. If voters can directly elect senators, as they have done since ratification of the 17th Amendment in 1913, they should be able to vote directly for president.

Presidents do not have any role in the enactment of constitutional amendments. Still, candidates for the office in 2012 should be asked whether they support abolishing the electoral college or taking other measures to ensure that presidents are elected by a majority vote. Their answers would demonstrate just how democratic they think this republic should be.

Foreign policy baffles GOP

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Foreign policy hasn't played much of a role in the Republican presidential race, and it's easy to see why.

GOP candidates' remarks on our role abroad have ranged from the uninformed to the bizarre (with the exception of Jon Huntsman, who served twice as a U.S. ambassador). Front-runner Mitt Romney's foreign-policy speech last week had a Rip Van Winkle quality to it, as though he'd just awakened after a decade and was unaware of how the world had changed since 9/11.

This is sad, because the country could use a serious national debate over what our global role should be in a time of economic turmoil and scarcity. But Republicans seem far more interested in hammering President Obama's "weakness" abroad than addressing the real threats to our global standing. Romney may insist that "the 21st century must be an American century," but repeating that mantra won't make it so.

Yet Republican wannabes have set forth no realistic roadmap for how America can maintain its role as global leader. Most have stumbled badly when asked foreign-policy questions. Texas Gov. Rick Perry confused India and Pakistan. Former Sen. Rick Santorum opined that we deal with Pakistan by cozying up to ousted Pakistani dictator Pervez Musharraf—who is now in exile in London and faces arrest if he returns home.

Former pizza king Herman Cain made light of his foreign-policy ignorance with a joke: "When they ask me who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan, I'm going to say ... I don't know." I won't even start to track Michele Bachmann's jumbled foreign-policy claims.

Which brings me back to Romney, whose positions reflect the fact that he's hired on a host of former George W. Bush advisers. He talks of restoring American strength by adding 100,000 U.S. troops and expanding defense spending. Yet he never mentions our budget crisis, although both parties have agreed defense cuts will be required to address it. He never explains how we can afford 100,000 additional soldiers when we're overburdened with debt.

Nor does he address what kind of strategic force we need to confront the threats of the future, which should determine the size of our forces. We're unlikely to repeat the kind of ground wars we've waged in Afghanistan and Iraq, while drones and special forces are most effective for tracking down terrorists.

Did Romney avoid these issues because he didn't want to cite Obama's success in sending special forces to kill Osama bin Laden? Perhaps. But it's bizarre to pledge a vast increase in military manpower when you don't say why it is needed.

This lack of seriousness runs through every aspect of Romney's foreign-policy posture. On Afghanistan, he's backed off from an earlier pledge to bring troops home soon and now talks of a "full review" of our policy. Do we really have time for—or need—yet another full review? On the Middle East, he ignores failed peace talks but promises to focus aid and diplomatic efforts, even as Republicans slash the State Department budget.

And on Iran, Romney talks tough—saying an Iran with nukes is "unacceptable"—but he doesn't say how he'd act differently than Obama. Perhaps that's merciful, because other Republicans (including the normally level-headed Huntsman) are talking of military strikes against Tehran.

Never mind that most serious Iran experts believe a strike would not eliminate Tehran's nuclear program, but would have huge, negative repercussions. (We should keep this warning in mind as hysteria rises over an alleged Iranian plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to Washington, an allegation that Iran experts find bizarre and contrary to Tehran's operational style.)

This, in the end, is what disturbs me most about Republican foreign-policy posturing: The GOP seems unable to grasp that the world has changed and that the United States must adapt.

Huntsman does get it. He rightly labels the need to "rebuild America's core" as America's No. 1 national security issue: Joblessness (not to mention failing infrastructure and education) undercuts America's ability to lead.

And he understands the need to "right-size our current foreign entanglements," including a gradual drawdown from Afghanistan, and more focus on intelligence gathering and special forces to fight terrorists.

In fact, if you read Huntsman's speech, it doesn't sound so different from where Obama has arrived through trial and error. I've had big gripes with Obama's foreign policies, but at least he's trying to grapple with the requirements of new times.

However, Huntsman won't get the nomination. So we're left with a GOP pack that insists on American superiority and sabre-rattling while our country is crumbling internally. From such self-delusion, the next American century won't grow.

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Drumming for war on Iran? Step away from the drumstick, please

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As America bangs the drums for war with Iran, could we put down just one of the drumsticks, just for a minute?

Just set it aside. Put it on the counter. Now step away from the drumstick, please. It won't be as loud with only one drumstick banging, but I'd suspect that most of us would agree on something: You can't really think things through with all that pounding.

One of the pounders is Vice President Joseph Biden, whom the Obama White House trotted out to the morning TV shows so he could condemn Iran for the alleged assassination plot targeting the Saudi ambassador to the U.S.

"Nothing has been taken off the table," Biden said, rattling his saber on ABC's "Good Morning America." "… It is an outrageous act where the Iranians are going to have to be held accountable. This is really over the top."

If the allegations are true, Iran's attempt to use a Mexican drug cartel to plan an assassination and bombings is indeed over the top. With the White House rattling the saber, demanding that Iran be "held accountable," there must be consequences, or the administration will seem weaker than it is.

What do politicians mean when they say "nothing is off the table"? It means they're hinting about sending troops to break things and kill people. Or to kill without leaving boot prints in the sand, killing from the air with missiles or with bombs from planes or unmanned drones, or having our friends do it. That's what "nothing is off the table" means.

These are serious words of death. And the consequences are far-reaching, and never what we think they're going to be.

But this part, the saber-rattling part, is what politicians do. The other part, the doing part, the dying part, is what troops do later, when politicians aren't around.

Biden, a Democrat, wasn't alone. Republicans were gathering too, pounding the drum of common anger, at least to get the herd moving, and to put Obama on the defensive.

"The president needs to tell the American people the context of what the Iranian behavior is," said Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona. "And it is a threat, frankly, to the entire world if they are able to achieve nuclear weapons capability, which they were in the process of doing so."

Interestingly enough, a few minutes before the White House unleashed Biden on the Wednesday morning news shows, senior White House officials were speaking anonymously to the news media. And they were saying, at least according to the ABC News website, that the U.S. response "would not include the possibility of an armed conflict with Iran."

And they suggested there was no information that either Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad or Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei knew about the assassination plot.

"But they underlined that absence of evidence was not necessarily evidence of absence," wrote ABC's Jake Tapper. "Meaning: Khamenei and Ahmadinejad might have known about the plot, there just isn't yet any information to suggest that."

Hmmm. "Absence of evidence was not necessarily evidence of absence." It's the kind of thing lawyers and analysts say.

And as the day wore on, these unnamed public servants in the Obama administration were spinning a sharper view, such as: "This is the kind of operation—the assassination of a diplomat on foreign soil—that would have been vetted at the highest levels of the Iranian government."

That last statement was made by a person described as "a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about sensitive analysis."

The official couldn't speak publicly, so he spoke privately to a reporter who reported it publicly, just as the official privately knew would happen.

I remember having similar unproven suspicions once. In my case, the subject wasn't Iran. It was Iraq. Saddam Hussein was the evil one then. He had the WMDs, or so we were told, but the absence of evidence didn't mean they didn't exist. Hussein was a danger to all, U.S. officials said. And I agreed with them. And to this day, every time I see a soldier walking on prosthetic feet, every time I see a coffin, I get sick inside.

What we do know is what has been alleged. That an Iranian-American, Manssor Arbabsiar, of Corpus Christi, Texas, was allegedly working with someone in the Iranian government when he sought to hire killers from the Zetas Mexican drug cartel to carry out a hit on the Saudi ambassador in Washington.

With all the noise of Wednesday, I'm glad I didn't miss this from Catherine Herridge of Fox News. It was dropped in, almost as an aside, but it sounded smart. At least it sounded like the kind of questions that we should be asking.

"… Two former senior intelligence officials have told me that the plot doesn't feel quite right to them, that it seems to go against Iran's pattern. One official said, 'Why not enlist Hezbollah's A-team rather than a narco-cartel for this mission?' And he also said we need to develop this to determine if it has larger significance."

Just why would the Iranians—if it was the Iranian government—risk a state's security with drug dealers when they've relied heavily on Hezbollah in the past? How was this case "solved"? Who tipped whom, and why?

Saber-rattling and drum-pounding allows politicians to be active. But getting answers to these questions requires something else.

It requires the opposite of noise.

Hitler comparison is always out of bounds

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Are you ready for some fallout?

This week's poster boy for political incivility is country singer Hank Williams Jr. During a frequently awkward "Fox and Friends" interview Monday, Williams said President Obama and House Speaker John Boehner's "golf summit" last summer was analogous to a pairing of Adolf Hitler and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

I think we all know who was supposed to be the Hitler figure in Williams' mind.

His comment is yet another reminder that Hitler references never work. I cringed every time someone likened George W. Bush's America to Nazi Germany, and the offensive comparisons have only grown more common since Obama's election in 2008. And as I've written in the past, their prevalence threatens to cheapen the unimaginable tragedy of the Holocaust.

In Williams' case, the irony is that his empty reference to one of the most reprehensible criminals in history only served to obscure several legitimate criticisms of the president.

In fact, as I read about the ill-fated interview on Tuesday, my quick scan of newspaper front pages found several valid points of disapproval that Williams could have highlighted.

He could have talked about newly released e-mails showing that the administration had overlooked written concerns about Solyndra, the solar-equipment manufacturer that was the beneficiary of a $528 million government loan and is now in bankruptcy.

Speaking of e-mails, another batch shows that the Department of Justice was aware that operatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had lost track of roughly 2,000 guns whose illegal purchase and transport to Mexico were being monitored as part of the "Fast and Furious" program. The weapons have since started turning up at crime scenes—including the site at which a U.S. Border Patrol agent was killed.

Third, Williams could have raised constitutional questions about the killing of U.S.-born terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki.

Fourth, he could have highlighted reports that Pakistan's military had engaged in several firefights with U.S. and Afghani troops patrolling the Afghan-Pakistan border over the last year, and wondered why our government continues to send billions of dollars to the Pakistanis.

And surely he could have found fault in some aspect of the president's $447 billion American Jobs Act.

My point is that there is plenty of room for legitimate debate about the direction of the country.

But sometimes substance doesn't sell. What does? Openly wishing for the president to fail. Saying he has a deep-seated hatred of white people. Or now, a misguided Hitler reference.

What always amazes me is when such cheap shots are offered by observers anxious to proclaim their own patriotism. No, you can't have it both ways. There is nothing patriotic about calling the commander in chief the enemy, which Williams also managed to do.

Whether the occupier of the Oval Office is George W. Bush or Barack Obama, that sort of commentary is un-American.

Williams' "apology," meanwhile, was unconvincing.

After initially calling the comparison "extreme—but it was to make a point," Williams said in a statement Tuesday that he was "very sorry if it offended anyone." Then added: "This was not written by some publicist."

We know, Hank, because a professional would have told you to take out the qualifier. Clearly, you did say something offensive—and the rest of us are recoiling in disgust with good reason.

Go after real tax cheats

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You hear it again and again: Half of Americans don't pay any federal income taxes. The implication is that a vast army of freeloaders is getting away with something, while the rest of us are being bled dry by Uncle Sam.

Since taxes and spending are on the front burner in Washington, it's important to make clear why this claim is so profoundly misleading. It's also a golden opportunity to point the finger at those who really are escaping taxation.

Here are the facts. The Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan outfit in Washington, figures that 46 percent of Americans will pay no federal income taxes in 2011. The reason is simple: These people earn so little it's a wonder they can put food on the table. A family of four earning $26,400, for instance, is legally entitled to pay no federal income taxes. Is this really so shocking? It would be a challenge to keep a hamster on Long Island for $26,400, never mind a family of four.

If you take a closer look at those who pay no federal income tax, as the Tax Policy Center has done, it emerges that 23 percent are so poor they don't even qualify for taxation. That's just how the tax code deals with subsistence levels of income. The other 23 percent of non-payers, while hardly affluent, are a little better off, and escape the income tax as a result of tax breaks. But these people aren't depreciating oil wells. On the contrary, three-quarters of them benefit from breaks aimed at senior citizens and low-income working families with kids—advantages that pale in comparison with the tax breaks enjoyed by higher-earning families.

So there are good reasons for most of these people not to be paying federal income taxes. Yet the family making $26,400 does pay lots of other taxes. All families do. They pay payroll taxes, for example, and as a proportion of income, this FICA tax (which is really just another federal income tax) hits them harder than it does families earning 20 times as much. They also pay excise taxes on products such as gasoline. They pay sales taxes on a variety of goods. Some of them even pay property taxes. Why these levies shouldn't count is beyond me. And in the current economic climate, I can't imagine how they could pay any more. Nine out of 10 families paying no federal income taxes earn less than $50,000. Even the most fortunate, in other words, aren't rolling in money.

Yet again and again, conservatives complain about the people who aren't paying any federal income taxes—this at a time when the top federal tax rate for the highest earners is just 35 percent, which is very low by historical standards. In the Eisenhower and Kennedy years, the top rate stood at 91 percent.

I believe conservatives are aiming at the wrong target. In fact there are three groups of Americans whose tax avoidance is legendary, and who in fairness ought be paying more. And I'm not talking about hedge fund managers, Wall Street bankers or international financiers. Let's start instead with the homeless. Internal Revenue agents could infiltrate the shelters, culverts and large cardboard boxes where they congregate. Congress should even consider legislation requiring anyone giving money to a beggar to provide a 1099 form. A second group overlooked for far too long is the dead. Believe it or not, millions of deceased Americans fail to file tax returns every year.

For Pete's sake, it's not as if these people are hard to find! Finally, there are America's 85 million pet cats. I confess: My own felines retired recently after a lifetime of lucrative mousing during which they never paid a dime in taxes. There they are: living proof that the IRS turns a blind eye to fat cats.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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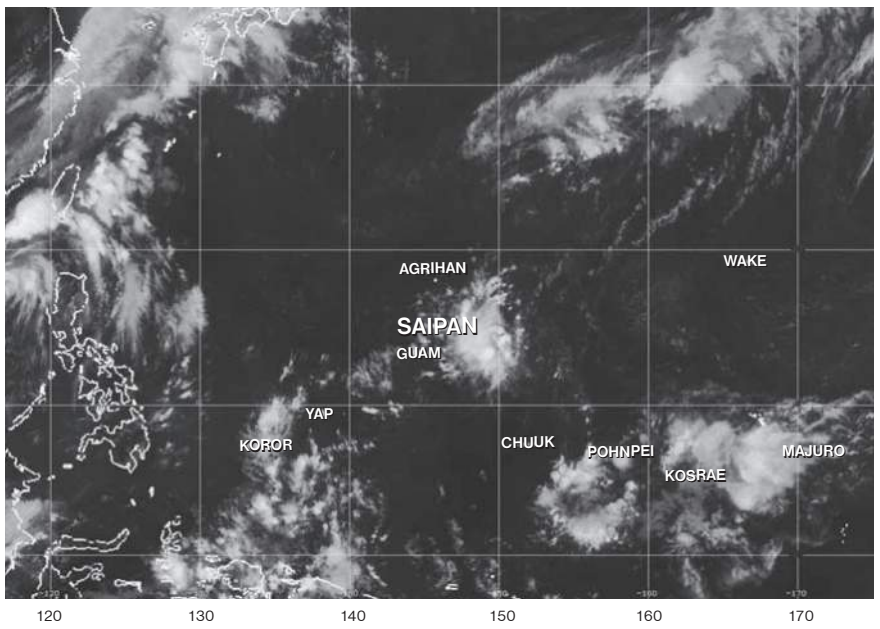
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲84	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼74

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼55
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼52
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
London	Sunny	▲61	▼45
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲66	▼52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼74
New York	Thunderstorms	▲72	▼53
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲76	▼68
Paris	Sunny	▲61	▼39
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼59
Rome	Sunny	▲72	▼46
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼46
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼64
Seoul	Showers	▲68	▼55
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲76	▼69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲70	▼53

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation centered east of the Marianas at 15N149E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 17N145E to 12N 152E. A surface trough extends southward from 11N136E to EQ137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Yap and Koror between 6N and the equator from 133E to 140E and over Koror within 60 miles of a line from 11N136E and 6N135E. Another surface trough stretches southwestward from 12N164E through a weak circulation centered just south of Pohnpei near 6N158E to end at 3N154E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located southwest of Pohnpei between 7N and 1N from 153E to 160E. A tropical disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 9N and 4N and 162E to 171E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:16 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
9:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:39 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
8:37 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:00 PM	8:24 AM
Sunday	8:47 PM	9:15 AM
Monday	9:38 PM	10:05 AM
Tuesday	10:30 PM	10:56 AM
Wednesday	11:25 PM	11:45 AM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service
located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 15, 2001

$310K set aside for Saipan projects
Some $310,000 in poker fee funds were appropriated last week for several projects on Saipan, a big bite of which goes to the Mayor's Office and for road improvement projects in Precinct III. House Local Bill 12-42, which is authored by Rep. Jesus T. Attao, now heads to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for his signature, after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation unanimously passed the measure during Thursday's session. Under the local bill, the sum of $310,000 that was collected from taxes on poker machines (Public Law 11-2) were distributed among various projects in Saipan. Of the amount, $100,000 will go to Mayor Jose C. Sablan for the purchase of parts, fuel, radios and for the repairs and maintenance of heavy equipment.

Proposal seeks to cease home burials
Department of Public Health-proposed regulations submitted to the Commonwealth Register for comment, in part, aims to prohibit the practice of home burials due to health reasons. The DPH reported last week a rise in the number of home burial requests, placing the blame on the lack of burial plots at existing Saipan cemeteries. Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez underscored the need for concerned agencies to get together to address the cemetery space crisis, warning that the continued practice of home burials could lead to serious health consequences that could affect the community.

Oct. 15, 2002

MPLA seeks out $40M for land compensation claims
The Marianas Public Lands Authority has began working on finding the needed $40 million to settle land claims of various individuals against the CNMI. Right now, the MPLA is reviewing all pending land claims. "We're reviewing all those different files. We've done some progress. We have drafted the rules and regulations," MPLA Deputy Commissioner Henry Hofschneider said. But Hofschneider said the MPLA needs to work double time, especially when the Commonwealth Development Authority has gone ahead with identifying potential sources of the money. Under Public Law 13-17, the MPLA has to coordinate with the CDA in finding the $40 million fund.

Torres authors trademark bill
Rep. William S. Torres has penned legislation calling for the creation of the Commonwealth's own system of trademark registration, as a device to protect exclusive makers or sellers from infringement. House Bill 13-189 or the proposal to establish the Commonwealth Trademark Registration Office also sets out to better inform consumers of the products and services available in the market. According to Torres, the CNMI currently has no means of registering a trademark, which is important in identifying and distinguishing the unique goods and/or services of a person from those used or sold by others.

Oct. 15, 2004

NMI gets $1.25M grant for family service centers
The U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities has awarded the Commonwealth $1.25 million for the next five years in support of establishing family service centers within the NMI. According to Developmental Disabilities Council executive director Thomas J. Camacho, the Commonwealth will be getting funds under the Family Support 360 Implementation grant beginning Fiscal Year 2005 up to FY 2009, with $250,000 to be awarded each year. Camacho said he learned of the approval while attending the recent National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities membership meeting and conference in Lexington, Kentucky. He said that because the Commonwealth was awarded $100,000 through the Family Support grant in 2003, it was eligible to compete with 31 other states for the newly acquired grant.

Ex-lawmaker asks govt 'to do it right' in court
Former congressman Stanley Torres filed three motions in court yesterday asking for the removal of "highly prejudicial, inflammatory language" in the prosecution's information, correction of messed up case numbering, as well issuance of clear and precise description of charges. Lawyers Robert T. Torres and Perry Inos filed a motion to strike surplusage, referring to a preamble contained in the prosecution's original information and amended information. "This preamble is surplusage and serves no purpose, in addition to being inflammatory, irrelevant, and conclusory," said the motion.

Maharlika

Get the right info
from Consulate caravan tomorrow

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The United Filipino Organization is organizing an "information caravan" that will be hosted by the Philippine Consulate General for the benefit of Filipino workers on island.

The information caravan is scheduled tomorrow, Oct. 16, from 2pm to 4pm at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said that Sunday's information caravan—the first of a series—is intended "to clarify certain matters," including issues on immigration, OWWA membership, and other consular services.

Macaraig

"For example, there are a lot of our *kababayans* [countrymen] who have questions about being able to stay in the CNMI without an employer. We plan to address those inquiries," Macaraig told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

UFO president Bong Malasarte, for his part, said the information caravan aims to "once and for all" shed light on many rumors and hearsay circulating among Filipinos.

"If we want to know more about guidelines and procedures on how to go about their CW petitions or if they can still stay here, then ask for the right information from the appropriate authorities before the Nov. 27 deadline," he said in a phone interview.

Malasarte said the information caravan seeks to prevent people from getting the wrong impression about the final rule on foreign workers, which could potentially impact Filipinos negatively.

"We cannot rely on what others say about the immigration just because they said it or they believe in it. We can find out for ourselves by attending the information caravan and listening to the Consulate staff," he said.

Malasarte added that relying on erroneous information can result in detrimental consequences. "If you encounter problems because of that wrong information, you'll be the one to suffer in the end."

Malasarte urged Filipino workers to stop by the Civic Center on Sunday for the information. "Don't rely on others. Hear it from the Consulate staff who can tell you what is true from what isn't," he said.

For more information, call the Consulate at 234-1848.

ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO PHARMACISTS

'Doing more than what is expected'

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October is American Pharmacists Month but a group of Filipino pharmacists is taking the helm in celebrating the occasion by advancing the profession through community involvement in the CNMI.

The Association of Filipino Pharmacists underscores the importance of pharmacists and the vital role they play in the delivery of medicines to consumers and the overall healthcare of the public.

This year's theme, "Know Your Medicine, Know Your Pharmacist," stresses "the importance of knowing your medicine and knowing your pharmacists to ensure that drug therapy is as safe and effective as possible," said association president Rodylyn Bacani.

Bacani emphasized that patients' involvement in their own healthcare is key and they can do this using a three-step process: taking part in decisions about their treatment, following the treatment plan, and watching out for problems and getting help in solving them.

According to Bacani, pharmacists help patients make informed self-care choices.

"In fact, having a pharmacist involved in patient care can decrease the chance of having problems with medications, including errors, which can cause hospitalization," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Established in June 2009, the Association of Filipino Pharmacists was founded by Jean Cabildo, a U.S.-licensed pharmacist who has worked in PHI Pharmacy for several years. Cabildo invited all Filipino pharmacists to a dinner meeting and that's where the idea to create an avenue where they can get to know each other and share updates about their profession took root.

"Surprisingly, the group was ripe for something more," said Bacani, adding that the group's principle is "Together for Service."

Bacani said the group exemplifies "willingness to do more than what is intended" by volunteering their time in community events such as the Philippine Consulate General's quarterly health screening as well as partnership with other health-based organizations such as the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition to strengthen efforts to monitor the blood sugar level of patients.

The group currently has 18 members from the Commonwealth Health Center, the Tinian Health Center, PHI Pharmacy, and the TakeCare/FHP Pharmacy.

Bacani said members of the Association of Filipino Pharmacists are registered pharmacists in the Philippines, noting that two of them are actually U.S.-licensed while the rest function as pharmacy specialists and technicians in the Commonwealth.

"Pharmacy specialists and technicians are doing a great job in assisting the pharmacist and letting the pharmacist [get] his job done," she said. "I can say that it would be very hard to get a lot of job done if the specialist or technician is not competent."

According to Bacani, group members do their best to support each other, serve their patients well, and make sure that they become an asset to their respective companies.

While they strive for better involvement in the CNMI community, Bacani said their commitment to help transcends distance as they also endeavor to do one project a year that would benefit their *kababayans* in the Philippines such as providing assistance during calamities or the holiday season.

"Our purpose as a group is to be of help by determining a specific need and meet that need as a group," added Bacani.

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Members of the Association of Filipino Pharmacists smile for the camera after volunteering at the 3rd Quarterly Health Screening organized by the Philippine Consulate General last Sept. 4.

Finding satisfaction in fashion retail sales

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Aiza Gutierrez of Star Sands Plaza smiles for the camera during her shift at work.

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Star Sands Plaza's Aiza Gutierrez believes that fashion retail sales staff play a vital role in making a shopper's in-store experience worthwhile.

"Besides the merchandise, the sales staff are the ones who influence a shopper's resolve in making purchases," said the 24-year old Gutierrez. "They are also the representative of the entire store and its management."

A native of Cuenca, Batangas, Gutierrez has been with Star Sands Plaza, one of the flourishing clothing retail stores on island, for almost a year. But Gutierrez's experience isn't limited to her stint at Star Sands. In fact, she was among the workers absorbed by the store when it took over the former Papaya shop where she worked for four and a half years.

Gutierrez arrived on Saipan in 2006, equipped with two years' experience in the retail garment industry. At the time, the only person she knew on island was her aunt.

"I've always loved clothes and fashion," says Gutierrez, who took up accountancy at the University of Batangas. "I like to mix and match various pieces of garments to come up with different looks and styles."

Her inspiration for such looks, Gutierrez said, comes from what she sees in magazines, television, and the Internet.

Gutierrez's favorite assignment at work is displaying and merchandising. "Here at Star Sands Plaza, all our shipments that come in consist of whatever is hip and trendy and popular nowadays. That's why it feels great arranging all our merchandise in the racks."

Socializing with shoppers comes naturally for Gutierrez. "I love to converse and chat, that's why it's easy for me to interact with customers," she said.

"There are different types of shoppers. Some want you to always assist them and follow them around. But there are those who want [space] and you have to respect that," explained Gutierrez.

While majority of their patrons are locals, Gutierrez also serves a significant number of Japanese, Korean, and Chinese tourists.

"Even the employees here at Star Sands Plaza are also diverse because we have Filipino, Chamorro, Burmese, and Korean staff," she added.

Gutierrez said their team is fortunate because the management knows how to value employees. "At the last day of every month, we usually have an appreciation event where all the staff enjoy a nice feast. We're like family here."

Gutierrez noted that their busiest time at the store is right after lunch, at night time or after work hours, with shopping season peaking every payday, and during back-to-school and holiday seasons.

She is busy with merchandising at least once a week as new arrivals come in. "A lot of shoppers, particularly students, look forward to our weekly new arrivals."

Gutierrez said working at a clothing retail store has its advantages. "One of the perks is that you get to be one of the first few to see the clothes. Sometimes, I buy them for myself."

Gutierrez pointed out that love for one's work makes all the difference in succeeding in any job, including hers.

"If you enjoy what you do, you don't feel time pass by at work," said Gutierrez, who has twice been named as one of the top five employees for the month in her first year alone at Star Sands Plaza.

Any fashion retail sales staff, Gutierrez said, should always wear a smile, be friendly, and aim for customer satisfaction. "Don't forget to smile, even if you have problems. Leave them at home and don't let it affect your performance at work."

Ex-Philippine president's husband is accused of graft

» Charges filed vs 18 others in choppers sale

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A bookkeeper of Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo provided one of the strongest pieces of evidence linking the husband of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the sale of secondhand helicopters he allegedly owned to the Philippine National Police.

The blue ribbon committee chairman, Senator Teofisto Guingona III, said Rowena del Rosario, who spent three days in detention for refusing to cooperate with senators investigating the sale of old helicopters passed off as brand-new to the PNP, "established the money trail and ownership" of the units.

Guingona and Senators Panfilo Lacson and Aquilino Pimentel III Thursday disclosed the contents of a blue ribbon committee report linking Arroyo and 18 others to a "scheming conspiracy" to defraud the government with the sale of two old Robinson R44 Raven I helicopters at brand-new prices to the PNP in 2009.

The two helicopters sold to the PNP were part of the five choppers that Arroyo bought for the election campaign of his wife in 2004, according to whistleblower Archibald Po, president of Lionair Inc. Lionair is the exclusive distributor of Robinson helicopters in the country.

Armed with the committee report, Senators Guingona, Lacson and Pimentel filed a complaint against Arroyo, former Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno and former PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa in the Office of the Ombudsman over the helicopter scandal.

INQUIRER FILE PHOTO
Mike Arroyo, right, and younger brother Rep. Ignacio Arroyo.

The complaint also named as respondents 16 others for violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, and the Government Procurement Reform Act for defrauding the government of P62.7 million.

In an interview, Guingona said Del Rosario was helpful in pinning down Mike Arroyo. "If you remember, she did establish that the $500,000 (downpayment for five choppers) came from the Arroyos and was paid to Robinson (Helicopter Company or RHC in 2003) in the USA," he said.

Guingona said that was one of the testimonial and documentary evidence received by the committee. "She had established a money trail and the ownership because why would you pay $500,000 to the manufacturer of helicopters in the US? That means you're buying the helicopters," Guingona said.

Morales received complaint

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales personally received the three-page complaint from the three senators in her office at around 2 p.m.

Through the complaint, the three senators referred the committee's findings on what it called the "fraudulent, anomalous and irregular acquisition" by the PNP of two helicopters from Manila Aerospace Products Trading Corp. (Maptra) for preliminary investigation.

The senators also urged the Ombudsman to investigate the possible criminal liability of Negros Occidental Representative Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo over his alleged attempt "to cover up Mike Arroyo's ownership and participation in this anomalous transaction."

Records show the PNP paid P105 million supposedly for three brand-new helicopters. However, Maptra, Lionair's marketing agent, received only P62 million after it delivered one fully equipped Raven II and two standard Raven I helicopters that had clocked an average of 500 hours of flying time.

Po claimed that Arroyo took $700,000 (around P31.5 million at the exchange rate of P45 to $1) from the sale, according to Guingona.

Not plunder

Asked why Arroyo was not charged with the nonbailable offense of plunder similar to the case filed against him by the PNP, Guingona said the charge required pocketing at least P50 million.

"The amount of $700,000 at that time, even if you multiply it by P45, by P55 (to a dollar) would not add up to P50 million," he said.

The complaint would "go through the regular course" but would likely be prioritized by Morales, a retired Supreme Court justice appointed by President Benigno Aquino III to replace Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, according to Ed Diansuy, Ombudsman director for the media affairs bureau.

"This will be treated with priority," he said.

Other respondents

The other respondents were Miguel Coronel, Oscar Valenzuela, Conrado Sumanga Jr., Luizo Cristobal Ticman, Ronald Dulay Roderos, Romeo Capacillo Hilomen, Leocadio Salva Cruz Santiago Jr., Ermilando Villafuerte, Roman Loreto, Jefferson Soriano, Herold Ubalde, Luis Salagumba, Job Nolan Antonio, Edgar Paatan, George Piano and Crisostomo DL Garcia. All are either current or former officers of the PNP.

In the complaint, the senators said Po and Maptra president Hilario de Vera had applied for inclusion in the government's Witness Protection Program.

Convincing testimony

To back their case, the senators banked on the "clear and convincing" testimony of Po, which was corroborated by De Vera, Editha Solano-Juguan, Domingo Lazo, Claudio DS Gaspar Jr. and Rowena del Rosario.

Po, in his original and supplemental affidavits, pointed to Arroyo as the true owner of the five helicopters, the senators said.

"Analyzing closely the flow of events from the time of the involved helicopters' importation by Lionair Inc. up to the time of its anomalous and fraudulent sale by Maptra to the PNP, we find the testimony of Po to be clear and convincing—thus worthy of credence," they said.

The committee's findings and discussion of the events were attached to the complaint.

Arroyo brothers cry bias over graft complaint

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The brothers Arroyo on Thursday issued separate statements but spoke as one in assailing the Senate blue ribbon committee for filing a graft complaint against Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo and 18 others.

"Clearly, this is a biased Senate where the law is trampled upon by its whim and prejudice," former First Gentleman Mike Arroyo said. "I am prepared to dispute the findings in the proper forum where the proper rules of evidence, I am hoping, will be upheld and observed."

Negros Occidental Representative Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo said that the Senate inquiry into the Philippine National Police's purchase of secondhand helicopters passed off as new was just for show, and that people knew that most of the senators wanted to link him and his brother to the issue and pin them down.

"[The graft complaint] came as no surprise since from Day One of the Senate hearing, most of the senators, particularly [blue ribbon] chair Teofisto Guingona and [Panfilo] Lacson, have prejudged the case," he said.

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"The whole investigation has not been in aid of legislation but a charade to indict us without any solid piece of evidence," he said.

He suggested that the Senate action was meant to deflect attention from Ronald Llamas, President Aquino's political adviser, who is being widely criticized for his cache of high-powered firearms.

Iggy Arroyo echoed this, saying the Aquino administration always had something to present against the Arroyos each time there was an issue involving any of its officials, such as Llamas' firearms.

"Either it's just a coincidence or an orchestrated move to counter any issues that might pull down [Mr. Aquino's] popularity, and if we base it on the recent survey findings, it seems to be working," he said.

'Conspiracy'

Mike Arroyo said the blue ribbon committee established his ownership of the questioned helicopters on hearsay or on a single testimony contradicted by other main witnesses.

He said the committee ignored the documentary evidence showing that he was not the owner.

"Senator Guingona said there was conspiracy in the deal. But how can there be conspiracy when no testimony was made that I talked to the police or used undue advantage or influence for them to purchase the helicopters?" he said.

Iggy Arroyo said he hoped that the Ombudsman would not be influenced by the action of the Senate, whose report, he pointed out, was only recommendatory.

He said it was the first time the Senate had taken it upon itself to file a complaint against anyone.

"It seems our coequal branch is not just a lawmaking body anymore but has likewise taken the role of a fiscal (prosecutor) and judge at the same time," Iggy Arroyo said, adding:

"They conduct investigations, conduct a pseudo trial using the trimedia, and make conclusions via a press conference. This is a classic case of trial by publicity."

'Welcome relief'

Former PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa who was among those found liable for the questionable purchase, claimed innocence and expressed confidence that the case would be dismissed by the Ombudsman.

"The blue ribbon committee report is a welcome relief to all of us respondents in the case though it is yet to be approved in plenary. We reiterate our innocence of the charges," Verzosa said in a statement issued through his lawyer Benjamin delos Santos.

PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

8 dead in stormy weather in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A tropical depression is blowing out of the Philippines after leaving 8 people dead and forcing more than 18,000 others to flee from their flooded homes. The Office of Civil Defense says among the dead were five children who were swept away by strong currents in a rain-swollen river as they rushed home from school Monday in central Iloilo province. Forecaster Buddy Javier said Thursday that Tropical Storm Banyan weakened into a depression after hitting southern Leyte province on the country's eastern coast on Wednesday. But it continued to dump heavy rains and flooded several central and southern towns. Javier says the tropical depression may strengthen into a storm as it blows over the South China Sea toward Vietnam.

Pope names new Manila archbishop

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Manila archbishop Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales for reason of age and named his successor. The Vatican announcement Thursday said Monsignor Luis Antonio Tagle, bishop of Tagle, will succeed the 79-year-old cardinal, already serving four years beyond the normal retirement age. The appointment comes as the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines is waging a major campaign to block government plans to provide free access to condoms. The battle has pitted Rosales and other church leaders against President Benigno Aquino III.

BOTCHED ROBBERY AP
Hostages, middle and right, walk toward a negotiator after being released by captors inside a bank in Cavite province, south of Manila, Philippines on Thursday Oct. 13, 2011. Philippine police said four gunmen have surrendered and released all their hostages in a bank hours after an apparent botched robbery.

Samu't Sari

PROPER ORAL HEALTH

Seventh-Day Adventist Dental Clinic hygienist Lori Serna demonstrates the proper way of brushing teeth to first and second grade students of SDA School on Wednesday as part of activities lined up in celebration of October as National Dental Hygiene Month.

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Christina Selkor, a second grader at Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School, learns the proper way of brushing teeth from dental hygienist Lori Serna. The Seventh-Day Adventist Dental Clinic is once again at the forefront of raising awareness about the importance of oral health.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

ZONING MEETING

Businessman Joe Ayuyu, standing, expresses his support for the conditional use application of MEC LLC to construct an 11,900 square foot warehouse on a lot between Tokcha Avenue, Tupak Street, and Texas Road in Susupe for the wholesale operations of Western Sales Trading Co. during the Zoning Board meeting on Oct. 6.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

ISLAND CONCERT

Members of the audience groove to the beat during the United Nesia Fest Coming Home Tour at the Pool Bar of Pacific Islands Club on Oct. 8. The tour featured performances by Island Trybe's Y.D. (David Quitugua), Jay Sway, and B.O.I. (Matthew Quitugua).

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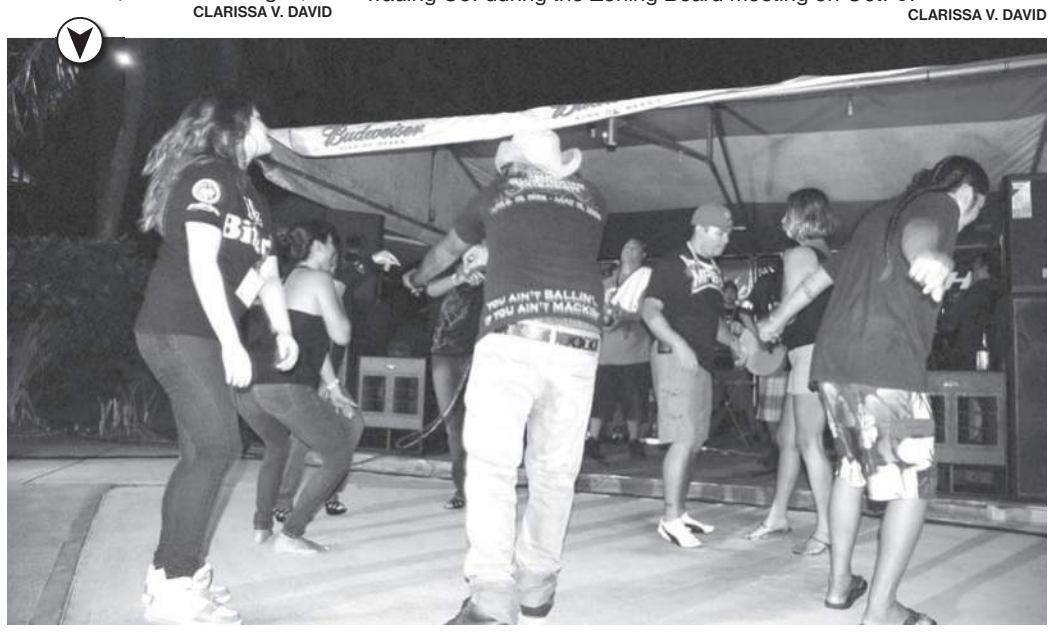

HELP DESK

KWAW DJ "Jimmy B" or Jimmy Blancia of Magic 100.3 FM, right, answers questions from nonresidents who are mostly jobless during a "help desk" that Blancia and other individuals organized on Sunday beside Sand Juvy Restaurant and Catering in Oleai.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Most of those who showed up at the event that "Jimmy B" or Jimmy Blancia of Magic 100.3 FM organized on Sunday thought they could be granted parole or parole-in-place so they can remain in the CNMI despite not having a job, but such assumption is wrong. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said foreigners who don't have a job won't be granted parole just so they can stay longer in the CNMI.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy first birthday to Ponciano Eusebio, who celebrated his special day last Oct. 9 at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday Mickaenna Kerianna Borja Nishimura. You're a scene stealer, magnificent one! You're a shining star that's as bright as the sun! You're cute, huggable, and sweet as can be. You're super onederful and that's plain to see! Happy birthday! We love you! Greetings come from Leianna and Adam.

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Belated birthday greetings go out to Derek Tomokane, who celebrated his birthday last Oct. 14. Even if you are in Washington we are always thinking of you. We love you! Greetings come from Mom Lo, Dad Eb, Esah, and family.

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Business

Romney hits China on trade practices with US

REDMOND, Wash. (AP)—Mitt Romney accused China of stealing American inventions and assailed the nation's currency policies Thursday, playing to voters' economic fears amid worries about another recession.

In a speech at Microsoft's headquarters, Romney repeated calls for a new free-trade zone among countries that agree to respect those intellectual property rights and called for broader punishments for China if they don't allow their currency, the yuan, to appreciate in value.

Romney didn't offer any new proposals, instead using the speech to hit China's trade practices. He said China's currency manipulation has cost "millions of jobs" in the U.S.

"I want to make sure that people we trade with follow the rules and if someone consistently cheats, I want to make sure they understand that can't go on," he said.

China's government controls the value of its currency against the dollar, a practice that makes Chinese products cheaper in U.S. markets and U.S. goods more expensive in China. U.S. manufacturers say the currency manipulation hikes the price of American imports by as much as 40 percent.

Romney also harshly criticized China for ignoring U.S. copyright laws, accusing it of counterfeiting American designs, technology and pirating software.

The Chinese are "stealing . . . intellectual property, appropriating it at no cost, duplicating and selling it around the world," he said. "There's also hacking going on, where Chinese companies or even the government itself, perhaps, hacks into computers to steal technology."

U.S. officials have long pointed to China as one of the leading safe havens for cybercriminals, or government-sponsored or tolerated hacking.

China has said that allegations of cyberespionage against U.S. companies were groundless, and the sources of Internet attacks are notoriously difficult to pin down.

Amid stubbornly high unemployment and a persistent economic recession, the GOP presidential candidates have often attacked China as they seek to convince voters they can create jobs and turn the economy around.

China's monetary policy has come under fire in Congress, too. The Senate this week passed a bill to impose higher tariffs on China if they don't allow their currency to gain value more quickly. That bill is unlikely to pass the House, where Republican leaders have opposed it.

Romney said if elected president he would immediately label China as a currency manipulator. He also wants American trade authorities to consider China's currency policies as a subsidy on Chinese goods, which would allow the U.S. to put a countervailing subsidy on Chinese imports.

Democrats say Obama has repeatedly pressured China to stop manipulating its currency.

"A year ago, Romney hit Obama in (Romney's) book for being too tough on China. Now Mitt's a trade warrior? Should he have called his book No Shame!" top Obama adviser David Axelrod wrote on Twitter on Thursday.

Romney rival Jon Huntsman, a former ambassador to China, has also criticized Romney's trade proposals. "I don't subscribe to the Don Trump school or the Mitt Romney school of international trade. I don't want to find ourselves in a trade war," Huntsman said during Tuesday's debate in New Hampshire.

Economists largely agree with Huntsman; the policy debate among Republicans—Democrats, too—is whether that risk is worth it. Opponents of confronting China worry about a trade war that the fragile global economy cannot afford.

China may have more to lose than the U.S. if trade in goods were curtailed. But Washington depends heavily on China to buy U.S. Treasury securities to help finance its budget deficits.

AP

Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at Microsoft headquarters Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, in Redmond, Wash.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China's inflation eases further in September

BEIJING (AP)—China's inflation rate edged lower in September, giving Chinese leaders leeway to stimulate the economy as U.S. and European growth slows. Consumer prices rose 6.1 percent, down from August's 6.2 percent but well above the government's 4 percent target for the year, data showed Friday. Food price inflation held steady at August's level of 13.4 percent. Lower inflation will give Beijing room to stimulate the economy if needed by reversing lending curbs and other controls imposed over the past year to steer rapid growth to a more sustainable level and cool price rises. Inflation peaked at a 37-month high of 6.5 percent in July and is expected to ease further as the autumn harvest comes in.

Oil hovers above $84 ahead of US economic data

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above $84 a barrel Friday in Asia as investors looked to a slew of U.S. economic indicators due later in the day for signs about the strength of the world's largest economy. Benchmark crude for November delivery was down 9 cents at $84.14 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell $1.34 to settle at $84.23 in New York on Thursday. Brent crude was down 5 cents at $111.06 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London. Crude has wandered most of this week in the mid-$80s after jumping from $75 last week amid investor optimism Europe will soon unveil a plan to contain its debt crisis. Traders will be closely watching the latest data about U.S. retail sales, consumer sentiment and business inventories scheduled to be released later Friday for clues about crude demand.

Asian stocks retreat on Spain rating downgrade

HONG KONG (AP)—Asian stocks retreated Friday as fears over Europe's debt crisis resurfaced following a downgrade to Spain's long-term debt rating. Investors also fretted after several European banks had their credit ratings cut and JPMorgan Chase & Co. reported that a slowdown in investment banking hurt results in the third quarter. They failed to find much solace after Slovakian lawmakers became the last of the 17 nations that use the euro to approve boosting a European Union bailout fund, reversing an earlier rejection. Japan's Nikkei 225 index slid 0.7 percent to 8,759.57 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng slid 1.5 percent to 18,479.61. South Korea's Kospi index dipped 0.3 percent to 1,818.22.

Google going 'gangbusters' as 3Q wows investors

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mounting worries about another global recession haven't shaken Google.

The online search and advertising leader's third-quarter earnings, released Thursday, are the latest reminder of how Google's position as the Internet's dominant gateway has spawned a business that endures economic turbulence better than most companies.

"When I look back at the last quarter, the word that springs to mind is, `Gangbusters,' Google CEO Larry Page crowed during a Thursday conference call with analysts.

Investors quickly chimed in with their approval as Google's stock price surged more than 6 percent. The stock climbed $35.94 to $594.93 in extended trading after the release of results.

The third-quarter numbers painted a picture of a company operating in a bubble of prosperity amid a sputtering economy.

Even as a stubbornly high unemployment rate vexes the U.S., Google added nearly 2,600 more workers to its payroll to guarantee that 2011 will be the biggest hiring year in the company's 13-year history. Google ended September with more than 31,500 workers, an increase of 28 percent, or nearly 7,000 jobs, from the end of last year.

While the U.S. economy's growth is shrinking, Google's is accelerating. The company's third-quarter revenue of $9.7 billion was 33 percent higher than the same time last year. It marked the fourth consecutive quarter that Google's year-over-year revenue growth has climbed.

Google earned $2.7 billion, or $8.33 per share, in the three months ending in September. That was up 26 percent from nearly $2.2 billion, or $6.72 per share, a year earlier.

If not for expenses covering employee stock compensation, Google would have earned $9.72 per share. That figure easily beat the average estimate of $8.77 per share among analysts surveyed by FactSet.

After subtracting the commissions that Google pays its advertising partners, Google's revenue stood at $7.5 billion—about $200 million above analyst projections.

Boehner, Obama talk jobs as Senate GOP offers plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker John Boehner and President Barack Obama talked about jobs legislation in a 10-minute phone call Thursday, the Ohio Republican's office said.

Boehner told Obama that Republicans are willing to address new transportation and infrastructure spending but "in a fiscally responsible way." Boehner challenged Obama's statement Thursday that he had not seen many job-creation ideas from Republicans.

The discussion came during a call from Obama to congratulate Boehner for congressional passage of trade deals with South Korea, Panama and Colombia. It also came as Senate Republicans introduced legislation aimed at creating jobs by overhauling the nation's tax laws, cutting business rules and boosting offshore oil exploration.

Boehner

White House spokesman Josh Earnest wouldn't comment on the specific conversation, but said Obama has made it clear he wants to work with Democrats and Republicans on jobs-related legislation, Earnest reiterated Obama's view that only his $447 billion economic package will boost jobs and help the economy.

The GOP bill is called the "Jobs Through Growth Act" and doesn't include a single item in President Barack Obama's jobs legislation, which Senate Republicans killed in a Tuesday night vote.

"They believe that government and spending creates jobs," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "We believe business and growth creates jobs."

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,478.10	1,203.66	2,620.24
-40.72	-3.59	+15.51
-0.35%	-0.30%	+0.60%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	0.9857	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7779	Philippine Peso	43.3650
British Pound	0.6358	Indian Rupee	49.0863	Singapore Dollar	1.2700
Canadian Dollar	0.9784	Indonesian Rupiah	8,840.0	South Korean Won	1,157.0
Chinese Yuan	6.3799	Japanese Yen	76.9075	Swiss Franc	0.8167
Euro	0.7283	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1300	Taiwan Dollar	30.3142
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2627	Thailand Baht	30.8350

Nation

Obama blames plot to kill Saudi diplomat on Iran

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Thursday that officials at the "highest levels" of the Iranian government must be held accountable for a brazen and bizarre plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States on American soil, insisting leaders of the world will believe the U.S. case without dispute once they absorb the details.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, confirmed the Obama administration has had direct contact with Iran over the allegations. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, met with Iranian officials at Iran's mission to the U.N. on Wednesday—a highly unusual contact for two countries that do not have diplomatic relations.

Obama would not say whether Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, or its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, knew of the alleged plan. Yet he called it part of a pattern of "dangerous and reckless behavior" by the Iranian government and said people within that government were aware of a murder-for-hire plot.

The U.S. considers it an attempted act of terrorism.

"We believe that even if at the highest levels there was not detailed operational knowledge, there has to be accountability with respect to anybody in the Iranian government engaging in this kind of activity," Obama said in a news conference tied to the state visit of South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

Iran has vehemently denied anything to do with the alleged plot to kill the Saudi envoy to the United States, Adel Al-Jubeir, at a Washington restaurant.

U.S. officials have described it as a remarkably clumsy but deadly serious operation by Iran's elite foreign action unit, the Quds Force. Two men were charged in New York federal court Tuesday for allegedly trying to hire a purported Mexican drug cartel member to carry out the assassination with a bomb attack.

AP

President Barack Obama gestures during his joint news conference with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, in the East Room at the White House in Washington.

Obama is seeking a vigorous response from around the world, on top of increased sanctions and pressure against Iran from the United States itself.

U.S. diplomats have given their host governments information about the foiled plot. The U.S. criminal complaint says the Iranian plotters hired a would-be assassin in Mexico who was a paid informant for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and told U.S. authorities all about their plot.

"We've laid the facts before them," Obama said of world leaders. He said once they analyze them, "there will not be a dispute" over what happened.

The State Department conceded Thursday that the response from foreign governments was initially skeptical.

"When you look at these details, it seems like something out of a movie," said department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

"And that's always the first reaction. That was the first reaction when this effort was briefed to some senior folks in this government," she said. "But as you begin to give more detail on what we knew and when we knew it and how we knew it, it has credibility."

At the United Nations, American allies said the U.S. evidence of an Iranian plot was convincing, but Russia and China reacted with caution.

Rice briefed top envoys from the 14 other Security Council nations Wednesday. Allies said the evidence she presented clearly showed the involvement of Iranian officials—but left unanswered the question of whether Iran's top political and religious leaders knew about the plot.

"It's very credible and very convincing," France's U.N. Ambassador Gerard Araud told reporters Thursday. "Obviously, there were officials in Iran who were behind the plot, but I don't know to which level."

But Russian and Chinese diplomats reacted cautiously when asked whether they found the evidence presented by Rice and other U.S. officials to be credible.

Salon suspect's ex-wife claimed abuse, instability

SEAL BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Scott Dekraai's neighbors considered him one of the friendliest guys on the block, a man who invited them over for pool parties and played catch with his son in his yard. Friends of his ex-wife, though, say she lived in fear of the man now accused of gunning down her and seven other people at the hair salon where she worked.

He suffered post-traumatic stress disorder from a 2007 tugboat accident that mangled his leg and left a colleague dead. His marriage to Michelle Fournier was falling apart even before that, and the court battle over their 7-year-old son was still raging Wednesday, when Dekraai is accused of spraying the Salon Meritage with gunfire.

Fournier's boyfriend, Michael Warzybok, said at a court hearing Tuesday the judge had pressed Dekraai to explain why he needed more time with his son than the current arrangement called for. Warzybok said a court-appointed psychologist had found the current, roughly 50-50, arrangement was working.

"All of a sudden, he didn't get his way," said Warzybok, who was interviewed by the psychologist along with Fournier's co-workers.

He added that Dekraai had offered to meet Fournier for coffee Wednesday, the day of the shootings, but she turned him down.

Fournier had indicated to friends and in court documents that she was afraid of her ex-husband. Her friend Sharyn White said that just weeks before the killings, she told her that Dekraai had stopped by the salon and threatened to kill her and others there.

White, who is also Dekraai's step-aunt, said Fournier told her she took the threat seriously though others in the salon laughed it off. She said Fournier also had told her that when they were still married Dekraai had once held a gun to her head.

There is no sign that Fournier sought a restraining order against her ex-husband, though other friends agree she was afraid.

"As recently as a month ago, she told me how scared she was and I offered to hire her bodyguards," said Tim Terbush, a longtime friend. He said she turned him down because she feared that would only make Dekraai more angry.

Six women and two men were killed in the shooting in the quaint seaside town of Seal Beach, which had had only one homicide in the previous four years. A wounded woman was hospitalized in critical condition, although police Sgt. Steve Bowles said Thursday she was showing signs of improvement.

Authorities said they would not release the victims' names before Friday, but another ex-husband of Fournier's, Steve Huff, confirmed to The Associated Press that she was among the dead. Salon owner Randy Fannin's niece, Tami Scarcella, told the Los Angeles Times her uncle also was among the victims.

Police officers who arrived within minutes of reports of shots fired encountered a horrific scene, with bodies of victims scattered throughout the salon and a man bleeding in the parking lot outside. Ron Sesler, working the lunch rush at his restaurant next door, said he thought the rapid "pop, pop, pop" he heard was a jackhammer until a terrified woman ran in screaming, "They're shooting people."

Showdown looms between Wall St. protesters and cops

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City officials ordered Wall Street protesters to clear out their sleeping bags and tarps, setting the stage for a showdown Friday between police and demonstrators who vowed to do all they could to stay put.

The owner of the private park where the demonstrators have camped out for nearly a month said it has become trashed and unsanitary. Brookfield Properties planned to begin a section-by-section power-washing of Zuccotti Park at 7 a.m. "They're going to use the cleanup to get us out of here," said Justin Wedes, 25, a part-time public high school science teacher from Brooklyn. "It's a de facto eviction notice."

The demand that protesters clear out sets up a turning point in a movement that began Sept. 17 with a small group of activists and has swelled to include several thousand people at times, from many walks of life. Their demands are amorphous but they are united in blaming Wall Street and corporate interests for the economic pain they say all but the wealthiest Americans have endured since the financial meltdown.

There was a frantic scramble of activity in the park Thursday. Hundreds of demonstrators scrubbed benches and mopped the park's stone flooring in a last-ditch attempt to get Brookfield to abandon its plan. A last-ditch protest was planned at midnight.

Protesters would be allowed to return after the cleaning, which was expected to take 12 hours, but Brookfield said it plans to start enforcing regulations that have been ignored.

No more tarps, no more sleeping bags, no more storing personal property on the ground. In other words, no more camping out for the Occupy Wall Street protesters, who have been living at Zuccotti Park for weeks and triggered a movement against unequal distribution of wealth that has inspired similar demonstrations across the country and forced politicians in both parties to take notice.

Protesters say they only way they will leave is by force. Organizers sent out a mass email asking supporters to "defend the occupation from eviction."

ACROSS THE NATION

Watchdog: Air traffic controller errors soaring

WASHINGTON (AP)—Errors by air traffic controllers in the vicinity of airports as well as incidents in which there was an unauthorized plane, vehicle, or person on a runway have increased sharply, a government watchdog said in a report released Thursday. Mistakes by controllers working at radar facilities that handle approaches and departures within about 30 miles of an airport that cause planes to fly too close together nearly doubled over three years ending in March, the Government Accountability Office report said. Separately, runway incursions at airports with control towers increased from 11 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2004 federal budget year to 18 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2010 federal budget year. Most large and medium-sized airports have control towers. Such "runway incursions," as they are called, can involve anything that's not supposed to be on a runway, from a stray baggage cart to a plane that makes a wrong turn while taxiing.

US attorney eyes going after media running pot ads

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The chief federal prosecutor in San Diego is contemplating expanding a federal crackdown on the medical marijuana industry by going after newspapers, radio stations and other outlets that run advertisements for California's pot dispensaries, her office told The Associated Press on Thursday. U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy made the comments initially to California Watch, a project of the nonprofit Center for Investigative Journalism. They come a week after she and three other U.S. attorneys in California vowed to close medical marijuana businesses they deem questionable and single out people who rent buildings or land to the industry. "I'm not just seeing print advertising," Duffy told California Watch. "I'm actually hearing radio and seeing TV advertising. It's gone mainstream. Not only is it inappropriate—one has to wonder what kind of message we're sending to our children—it's against the law." Duffy wasn't available Thursday to speak to the AP but her office confirmed the comments published by California Watch.

RI atheist student confident in prayer mural suit

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—A 16-year-old atheist said Thursday she is confident the law is on her side in her fight over a prayer mural that she wants removed from the auditorium of her high school. Jessica Ahlquist said her side is "very strong" after attorneys for her and the city of Cranston made their case to Senior Judge Ronald R. Lagueux in U.S. District Court in Providence. Ahlquist believes the mural should be taken down. "It's the right thing to do," said Ahlquist, a junior at Cranston High School West. Ahlquist sued in federal court in April, saying the mural is offensive to non-Christians. Ahlquist has been an atheist since age 10. She is represented by the Rhode Island chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Asia

Bangkok rushes to dig canals to prevent flooding

BANGKOK (AP)—Workers hurriedly dredged canals and cut new waterways around Thailand's capital on Thursday in a desperate battle to protect the city from the country's worst floods in decades.

One jittery Cabinet official called for the evacuation of an area on Bangkok's northern outskirts, only to take back his warning 15 minutes later.

At least 283 people have been killed since late July by floods and mudslides that have devastated rice crops and shut dozens of factories.

Bangkok has been mostly spared so far, but some surrounding areas have been inundated and authorities fear that flood waters rushing from the north will combine with rains in the next few days to flood the city.

Buildings in many areas of the capital have stockpiled sandbags, while others have built protective walls from cement and cinderblocks.

Government spokesman Wim Rungwattanajinda said the main canals east and west of Bangkok will be dredged by Friday to allow more water to flow from flooded northern provinces. He said authorities are also digging canal shortcuts to help drive water to the sea.

"This is the best method at the moment" to protect Bangkok, Wim told The Associated Press. "We are all working against time."

AP

Motorists make their way through a flooded street caused by heavy overnight rain Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said the operations will allow the water to exit through three major rivers instead of just one—the Chao Phraya River which flows through Bangkok—as the government initially planned, and will therefore relieve the impact on the capital.

Some 8.2 million people in 61 out of the country's 77 provinces have been affected by the flooding, which has also halted production at many major factories north of Bangkok.

Nervous residents have been stocking up on bottled water and other essentials. Science and Technology Minister Plodprasop Suraswadi contributed to the panic Thursday by telling a state-run television channel that residents in the northern outskirts of Bangkok should begin to evacuate because a flood gate had been breached.

Fifteen minutes later, Plodprasop appeared with other colleagues from the country's Flood Relief Operations Center on another live broadcast and said there was no evacuation order and the situation was under control.

Yingluck's government has been criticized for failing to take decisive action in the crisis, which has been building over several weeks.

Call for all Myanmar political inmates to be freed

YANGON,Myanmar(AP)—A human rights group and prominent activist on Thursday called for Myanmar to free all of its political prisoners after only about 10 percent of an estimated 2,000 were released under a presidential amnesty.

The Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) said the amnesty for 6,359 convicts was insincere and primarily an effort to appease the international community. It estimated that at least 207 political prisoners had been freed.

"The use of amnesties by past regimes has come at times of mounting international pressure and been used as tokens of change, rather than substance of change," it said in a statement. "This week's prisoner release does not suggest anything different from earlier amnesties."

A major release of political detainees has been eagerly awaited by Myanmar's opposition, as well as foreign governments and the U.N., as a gesture toward liberalization by the elected government after decades of harsh military rule.

A failure to release a significant number could hamper the country's efforts to burnish its human rights record and win a lifting of Western economic and political sanctions.

The United States, which is seeking ways to step up engagement with Myanmar after years of isolation, has welcomed the releases but is urging the government to go further.

John Kerry, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Thursday the releases were the most recent sign that Myanmar's President Thein Sein and his advisers "seem to be distancing themselves from the failed policies of the past."

In a statement, the Democrat senator said the committee—which oversees U.S. foreign policy—would be watching to see how the freed people are treated and whether it part of a broader movement that will include the release of all political detainees.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the releases made thus far, and hopes that all political prisoners will be freed, his spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

Zarganar, the most prominent dissident freed Wednesday under the amnesty, also issued a plea for all the country's political prisoners to be released.

"Free everyone, free them all, including the former military intelligence chief and his men," the popular comedian and social activist told The Associated Press. He said the former intelligence officers—who once were responsible for persecuting dissidents such as himself and ended up in jail for being on the losing side of a power struggle—should be freed because they were also convicted by the previous military government.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Strong earthquake strikes off Papua New Guinea

SYDNEY (AP)—A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of the Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea. There are no immediate reports of damage or injuries and no tsunami alert has been issued. The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-6.7 quake struck Friday about 62 miles (100 kilometers) east of Lae, on the country's northern coast. The quake struck at a depth of 28 miles (45 kilometers). The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue a tsunami alert.

Weather gives boost to oil plans for stricken ship

TAURANGA, New Zealand (AP)—The calmest weather in days has given salvage crews hope they will be able on Friday to resume pumping the remaining fuel from a cargo ship stuck on a New Zealand reef. The ship Rena has already spilled hundreds of tons of oil and crews are in a race against nature to try and remove the remaining fuel before waves break up the vessel, which has begun to crack apart and is leaning on a 22-degree tilt. Last week crews removed about 10 tons of oil before the weather forced them to postpone salvage attempts.

US report: RPG downed Chinook in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—U.S. military investigators have concluded that the Chinook helicopter crash in Afghanistan that killed 30 U.S. troops in August was downed by a rocket-propelled grenade that hit the rear rotor, causing the aircraft to fall vertically to the ground and burst into flames. The Aug. 6 crash was deadliest single incident for U.S. forces in the decade-long war and the Taliban claimed responsibility. No one survived the crash in Tangi Valley of Wardak province, about 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of Kabul. "A previously undetected group of suspected Taliban fighters fired two or three RPGs in rapid succession from the tower of a two-story mud brick building approximately 220 meters south" of the aircraft, said the official investigation report, issued Wednesday by the U.S. Central Command. "The first RPG missed the helicopter, but the second RPG struck one of the blades on the aft (rear) rotor assembly and exploded."

28 die, 4 survive Papua New Guinea plane crash

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—A plane crashed in stormy weather in Papua New Guinea's remote forests, killing 28 people and leaving only four survivors, officials said Friday.

Two pilots, one Australian and one from New Zealand, were among those who survived Thursday's crash on the South Pacific island nation's northern coast, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a statement.

The Airlines PNG Dash 8 aircraft crashed while flying from Lae to the resort hub of Madang, Papua New Guinea's Accident Investigation Commission spokesman Sid O'Toole said.

The twin-propellor plane crashed 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of Madang, he said. Police and ambulances had reached the crash site and investigators were traveling there Friday, he said.

Australian consular officials were also planning to travel to Madang on Friday.

"Initial indications are that there are no Australians amongst those killed," Australia's foreign affairs department said in a statement. Trevor Hattersley, the Australian High Commission's warden in Madang, said the plane went down during a violent storm in an extremely remote jungle not far from the coast.

"The weather was horrendous," Hattersley told The Associated Press. "There was a huge storm that came through at the same time—big rain, big wind."

Residents of a nearby village rushed to help, pulling people from the wreckage, Hattersley told the AP. The storm had left the lone road from the crash site to Madang flooded, so rescuers had to get the four survivors to the nearest beach and transport them to Madang by boat.

One of the survivors' legs is severely injured, but another survivor is in fairly good shape, Hattersley said. He did not know the conditions of the other two survivors.

Papua New Guinea journalist Scott Waide told Australian Broadcasting Corp. that he had visited the hospital where the survivors were being treated. One of the survivors told a nurse he fled the burning wreckage through a crack in the fuselage, Waide said.

"He told the nurses he was sitting on the seventh seat and the plane broke in half," Waide told ABC. "While struggling to get out, his arms got burned and his back got burned."

In a statement, Airlines PNG said a full investigation was under way into the cause of the accident. The airline said it has temporarily grounded its fleet of 12 Dash 8 aircraft.

Most of the passengers were parents traveling to attend their children's university graduation ceremony in Madang this weekend, according to the Australian Associated Press news agency.

The duty manager at the Madang Resort, Donald Lambert, said six of the plane's occupants—one passenger and five crew members—had reservations to stay at his hotel.

"I went to meet them at the airport," he said.

World

Mexican army captures major alleged cartel figure

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Mexican army said Thursday it captured a top drug cartel lieutenant who allegedly ordered an arson attack at a casino in northern Mexico that killed 52 people.

News of the capture of Carlos Oliva Castillo, alias "The Frog," a reputed leader of the extremely violent Zetas cartel, may have been the cause of a bloody fight between gang members at a prison outside Monterrey, the city in which the arson occurred in August. Seven inmates died.

Oliva Castillo's capture Wednesday by soldiers in the northern city of Saltillo unleashed violence almost immediately, as his associates tried to spring him from custody, said a Defense Department spokesman, Col. Ricardo Trevilla.

Zetas gunmen opened fire on security forces in an attempt to distract soldiers and rescue Castillo, a sign of his importance to the criminal organization, Trevilla said.

The firing went on for several hours and caused panic in the city. Drug cartel gunmen in Mexico rarely attack authorities in a bid to free arrested leaders.

Rival gangs of prison inmates began fighting early Thursday, said Jorge Domene, security spokesman for Nuevo Leon state. Four prisoners were burned to death and three others were stabbed to death with homemade knives, Domene said.

AP

Soldiers escort Carlos Oliva Castillo, alias "La Rana," or the "The Frog," as he is presented to the press at the Defense Department in Mexico City, Thursday Oct. 13, 2011.

Soldiers had to be called in to restore order in the prison, which is in the Monterrey suburb of Cadereyta.

Domene said the fight may have been a reaction to Oliva Castillo's detention, but the cause was still under investigation. The death or capture of top drug cartel operators often unleashes a wave of violence as rivals seek to fill the leadership vacuum.

Oliva Castillo allegedly led the Zetas gang on its home turf, in the northern Gulf coast state of Tamaulipas, as well as in the important northern battleground states of Coahuila, where Saltillo is located, and Nuevo Leon. He ranked third in importance to the two top Zeta leaders, Heriberto "Lazca" Lazcano and Miguel Angel Trevino, Trevilla said.

The stocky 37-year-old was flown to Mexico City and presented, handcuffed and unblinking, to journalists.

Haiti govt links to old regime prompt scrutiny

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Back from exile, former strongman Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier lives in a villa in the hills above Haiti's capital. His son serves as a consultant to the country's new president, Michel Martelly, while others with links to Duvalier's hated and feared regime work for the administration.

Duvalier himself is rumored to be ill and appears too frail to return to power. But for many Haitians who remember the ex-dictator's brutal rule, the rise of his loyalists to the new president's inner circle triggers suspicions about where Martelly's loyalties lie.

Such developments might be shrugged off in many countries, but not in Haiti, where much of the political establishment for the past 15 years has consisted of people associated with the mass uprising that forced "Baby Doc" to flee the country for France in 1986.

Now, a former minister and ambassador under the regime is serving as a close adviser to Martelly. And at least five high-ranking members of the administration, including the new prime minister, are the children of senior dictatorship officials.

Sen. Moise Jean-Charles said he and others who lived through those years are uneasy that Duvalierists are aligned with a president with no previous political experience and a history of supporting right-wing causes.

"They've been nostalgic for 25 years," Jean-Charles said of Duvalier's supporters. "And now, they're back in the country and back in power."

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexico: Hurricane Jova death toll raised to 6

MANZANILLO, Mexico (AP)—Mexican authorities on Thursday raised to six the death toll from Hurricane Jova, which hit along the Pacific coast as a Category 2 storm, and warned the storm's remnants could affect opening ceremonies of the Pan American Games. The body of a man who apparently had been swept away by a river current was found covered with mud in the town of Cihuatlan in Jalisco state, said civil protection spokesman Juan Pablo Vigueras. The games are scheduled to open in Jalisco on Friday. The five other victims drowned, were killed by mudslides or died in a collapsed house. Rain from the remnants of Jova may change the open-air inauguration of the Pan American Games in the western city of Guadalajara, said Bernardo de la Garza, Mexico's top sports official.

Acropolis closed as Greek strikes spread

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Unions and protesters shut down the Acropolis, halted public transport and occupied government buildings on Thursday, intensifying their confrontation with the Greek government as it scrambles to push more painful cuts through parliament. Greece's largest labor union, the GSEE, sided with protesting public servants and announced plans to strike on Oct. 19 and 20, in opposition to the Socialist government's "ineffective and catastrophic policies," it said. Stores and even farmers' markets in Athens are also due to close on the first day of the strike. Public servants are the main targets of new austerity measures, slated for parliamentary approval Oct. 20, that include across-the-board salary cuts, and the suspension of 30,000 workers on the state payroll with reduced salaries.

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Graduate of 4-year degree course and with at least 6 years management experience in the logistics business with emphasis on airfreight, ocean freight forwarding, warehousing and fuel hauling operations. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, Environmental and Occupational Safety Hazards is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

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Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Sales Officer (2)
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations is a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Proficient in MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and work flexible hours.

Bookkeeper
Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. At least 2 years of work related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and various logistics software and adept in the use of of SAP-R3 FICO System. Can work well even with less supervision. Must be able to work under time pressure and work flexible hours.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend.

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High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazmat and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety procedures.

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High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazmat and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (6)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Expertise in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

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Youngstyle

Marijuana-shaped candy alarms parents, officials

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP

In an Oct. 6, 2011 photo, Felicia Williams, Community Liason for Buffalo City Council member Darius Pridgen, holds packages of "Ring Pots" and "Potheads" candy in Buffalo, N.Y.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Candy shaped like marijuana that's showing up on store shelves around the country won't get kids high, but aghast city leaders and anti-drug activists say the product and grocers carrying it represent a new low.

"We're already dealing with a high amount of drug abuse and drug activity and trying to raise children so they don't think using illegal substances is acceptable," said City Councilmember Darius Pridgen. "So to have a licensed store sell candy to kids that depicts an illegal substance is just ignorant and irresponsible."

The "Pothead Ring Pots," "Pothead Lollipops" and bagged candy are distributed to retail stores by the novelty supply company Kalan LP of the Philadelphia suburb of Lansdowne. It also wholesales online for $1 for a lollipop and $1.50 for a package of three rings.

Company president Andrew Kalan said the candy, on the market six to nine months and in 1,000 stores around the country, promotes the legalization of marijuana.

"It does pretty well," he said.

"This is the first complaint I've heard," Kalan said, "and people are usually not shy. I'm actually surprised this is the first."

An irate parent brought the candy to Pridgen's attention, hoping the city could apply pressure and get it out of stores.

Pridgen and Councilmember Demone Smith displayed the candy, along with fake marijuana known as "K2" that's also sold in some stores at Tuesday's Common Council meeting, where Pridgen said he'd refuse to grant licenses to stores in his district that planned to sell the merchandise and would seek to embarrass stores that carry it. The synthetic marijuana is sold as incense but is smoked.

Synthetic marijuana typically involves dried plant material sprayed with one of several chemical compounds. The products contain organic leaves coated with chemicals that provide a marijuana-like high when smoked. The Drug Enforcement Administration recently used its emergency powers to outlaw five chemicals found in synthetic marijuana.

It appeared Pridgen's message had gotten out by Thursday. A check of about a half-dozen stores in Buffalo, often in impoverished neighborhoods where real drugs are a festering problem, turned up none of the controversial candy.

The bags of "Pothead Sour Gummy Candy," and lollipops shaped like marijuana leaves appear to be a recent addition to the inventory of some corner stores. The sour apple-flavored candy contains nothing illegal, but with its marijuana leaf, the word "Legalize" and a joint-smoking, peace sign-waving user on the packaging, critics say it's not only in poor taste but an invitation to try the real thing.

"It's the whole idea that it promotes drugs and the idea that, here, you'll look cool if you use this - which is what gets these kids in trouble in the very first place," said Jodie Altman, program supervisor at Renaissance House, a treatment center for drug- and alcohol-addicted youth.

Charmaine Rosendary, 36, of Buffalo shook her head when she saw a picture of the package.

"That's not right. It's just promoting marijuana," she said while buying produce Friday at a Buffalo market. She said she wouldn't allow her five teenagers, ages 15-19, to have it.

"I would not buy it or give them money to buy it," she said. "It looks like weed."

It's not the first legal product to come under fire.

In 2008, the Hershey Co. stopped making Ice Breakers Pacs in response to criticism that the mints looked too much like illegal street drugs. Police in Philadelphia complained that the packets, nickel-sized dissolvable pouches with a powdered sweetener inside, closely resembled tiny heat-sealed bags used to sell powdered street drugs.

Candy cigarettes and fruity or energy drink-infused alcoholic beverages have been criticized for targeting young people. And in 1997, the Federal Trade Commission said the iconic Joe Camel cigarette ads and packaging violated federal law because they appealed to kids under 18. The tobacco company, R.J. Reynolds, eventually shelved the caricature.

A spokesman for the Office of National Drug Control Policy said advocates for legalization who claim marijuana is benign are not supported by science.

"Trivializing drug use is a threat to public health because it erodes perceptions of harm among young people," said Rafael Lemaitre.

Kalan said his company carries several products with the marijuana leaf and "legalize" message to accommodate growing demand in the movement to legalize marijuana.

"We don't advocate for a political position. We just look at what the marketplace wants and respond to it," the wholesaler said. "It's just candy... It's sour apple flavor, it doesn't claim to be pot in disguise or anything like that."

Sesame Street' launches anti-bullying campaign

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Big Bird's problems getting into "The Good Birds Club" are at the center of an anti-bullying effort being launched by "Sesame Street."

The venerable PBS show will air a special episode Monday that aims to teach preschoolers how to recognize and combat bullying. The show said Thursday that studies say bullying behavior is seen in children as young as 3, so it's important to get the message across.

In the episode, Big Bird is invited to join the club, but a bully won't let him in and makes fun of him. Desperate to join, Big Bird asks the fairy Abby to make him smaller and change his yellow feathers to blue, but he still doesn't pass muster.

Eventually, it dawns on the characters that the club's leader just wants to make Big Bird feel badly. An adult steps in to smooth ruffled feathers and they form a new club.

Bullying isn't necessarily more prevalent than it used to be, but it's getting more attention for the harm that it can cause, said Trudy Ludwig, who wrote children's books on the topic after her 7-year-old girl was mistreated.

"It's important for kids to understand behaviors that are appropriate and inappropriate," Ludwig said. "They can learn when kids are saying mean things and how to stand up in a safe way."

The show emphasizes the importance of bringing a trusted adult in to the situation but also discusses children's fears of being known as tattle-tales. It's tattling if it's done to hurt another person, reporting if it's done to prevent someone else from getting hurt, Ludwig said.

It's important to report the information to stop children from getting hurt, said Rosemarie Truglio, vice president of education at Sesame Workshop, which makes the TV show.

Truglio is host of a panel discussion on bullying that "Sesame Street" is making available to parents on the show's website, which also offers anti-bullying tips for parents. Subsequent episodes of the show on Oct. 18 and 21 encourage children to be proud of who they are, be accepting of others, and build relationships with kind words.

Death and Funeral Announcement

In Loving Memory of

Margarita Palacios Agulto Retan

Lovingly known as "Adic/Maggie"
January 06, 1948 - October 11, 2011

In her New Life she now joins her:
Parents: *†Guillermo Concepcion Agulto & †Martha Camacho Palacios Agulto*
God Parents: *†Luise Diaz San Nicolas, † Cecilia Sablan Tudela*
Siblings: *†Ignacio P. Agulto, †Roman P. Agulto, †Guillermo P. Agulto, †Daniel P. Agulto, †Dolores P. Agulto, †Maria A. Stoll, †Jesus P. Agulto*
Sisters/Brother-In-Law: *†Prudenciana S. Agulto, †Bernadita C. Agulto, †Steven Stoll*

Her memories will live in the hearts of her:
Children:
Ret. Gunnery-Sergeant USMC Jessie A. *and Maria E. Retan (Alex, Anthony, Andres); Jessilyn SN. Benevente (Asher)*
U.S Army Ret., Sergeant Felix Jr. A. *and Lola J. Retan (Zachery, Matthew, Nicolas, Taimane, Taio)*
Martha Rose R. *and Jon Eric Sablan (Markel, Kamaryn, Kaylee, Jon Ethan)*
Molly A. Retan *and Combiniano I. Taisakan (Isaiah)*
Joseph "Jay" A. Retan *and Katrina S. Mansfield (Emma Jayne)*
God Parent: *Juan Camacho Diaz*
Siblings:
Franciso P. *& Gregoria L. Agulto and children;* ***Jose P.*** *& Carmen SN. Agulto and children;*
Merced A. *& Augustin T, Camacho and children;*
Ana A. *& Rick Taunton and children;*
Sisters-In-Law: *Rita R. Agulto and children; Terry Hiroichi and children;*

She is also survived by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends.

Nightly Mass is being offered at Santa Soledad, Kagman at 6pm, followed by the Rosary.

Last respects and viewing will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, beginning at 7:45am. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am followed by interment services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence and prayers for our beloved is greatly appreciated.

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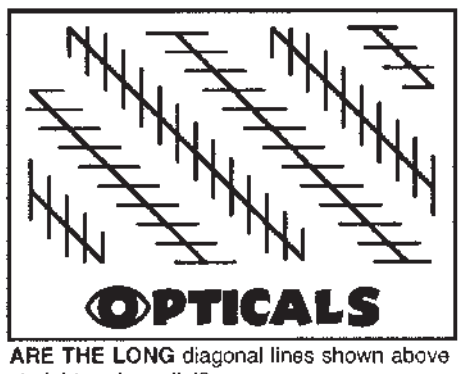

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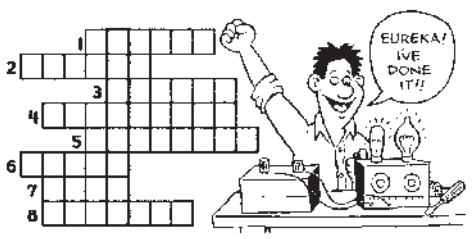
Answer: Yes. The short lines make them appear to be unaligned.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



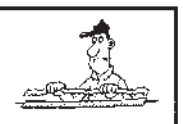
AMERICAN GENIUSES! In this puzzle grid there is room for the names of eight famous American inventors. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name all of the inventors, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of the man who made radio possible.

1. He had over 1,000 patents.
2. He perfected the sewing machine.
3. Made sailing in calm weather easy.
4. Made a wheat harvesting machine.
5. Invented bifocal eyeglasses.
6. Made a machine for sending messages.
7. Had his ups and downs.
8. Invented a machine to clean cotton.

Answers: 1. (Thomas) Edison. 2. (Isaac) Singer. 3. (Robert) Fulton. 4. (Cyrus) McCormick. 5. (Ben) Franklin. 6. (Samuel) Morse. 7. (Elisha) Otis. 8. (Eli) Whitney. The famous radio inventor was (Lee) DeForest.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A CROOKED CALCULATION! A dishonest tradesman measured out 20 feet of rope for a customer. Using a yardstick that was 3 inches too short, how much rope "didn't" the customer get?



Answer: 18 inches. In measuring the first 18 feet, 3 inches were lost for each yard. There was no loss for the last 2 feet.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 4 through 13 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 47. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

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[47]

Our answer: First row: 11, 14, 18, 4. Second row: 17, 5, 10, 15. Third row: 6, 20, 12, 9. Fourth row: 13, 8, 7, 19.

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Are strays a threat to housecats?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We have several apparently stray cats that can be seen wandering the neighborhood in the early morning and at night. I'm not sure where they came from, but there is a large stand of pine trees and scrub behind our subdivision. I'm afraid to let my cats out even during the day, as I worry they could come in contact with or be attacked by one of these strays. What can I do?—Gary in Tampa

DEAR GARY: Contact your local animal-control office about the stray cats. They may be a colony of feral cats—cats that have lived their entire lives apart from humans. If so, they most likely can't be socialized.

This is an ongoing problem in Florida, particularly, as feral cat colonies grow in suburban areas. And yes, it makes going outside somewhat dangerous for your housecats. If possible, keep them indoors at all times. If you have a screened enclosure, they can hang out there, as long as the screen has no holes that would allow them to escape.

Keep your cats' immunizations up to date, as diseases like FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) and rabies are common among feral cat populations. If one of your cats is attacked or you see it in contact with a feral cat, take your cat straight to the vet.

Now, it is possible that animal control will not trap the cats wandering your neighborhood. Or, they may catch them, yet you'll see more cats turn up. What some animal welfare groups are doing—since shelters are full already—is trapping the cats, having them spayed or neutered and given immunizations, and then releasing them back to their colony. The hope is that fewer breeding cats will reduce the feral population.

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Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was 19th-century American humorist Josh Billings who made the following sage observation: "Don't mistake pleasure for happiness. They're a different breed of dog."

■ Those who study such things say that the immortal bard, William Shakespeare, used a grand total of 17,677 words in his works. (That must have been a tedious calculation.) They also say that fully one-tenth of those words had never been used in writing before.

■ If you're like the average American, you eat approximately 10 pounds of chocolate every year.

■ You might be surprised to learn that the first automobile insurance policy was sold way back in 1897. One Gilbert J. Loomis of Dayton, Ohio, was evidently concerned about the potential damage that could be done by his newly acquired car, so he got general liability protection in case driving his car resulted in someone's death or injury, or in case property was damaged.

■ High-quality opals can be more valuable than diamonds.

■ If you are of a certain age, you might remember that in the mid-1960s, root beer-flavored milk was available for purchase. Then again, you might not; the marketing experiment was a flop and the product was pulled in short order.

■ When people who are blind from birth dream, they don't see images; instead, they hear and feel the dream. For this reason, it's said that their dreams can seem much more real. Those who become blind later in life do see images in their dreams, but the images fade the longer they live without sight.

■ In the early 1900s, the average American got about nine hours of sleep every night. (I presume that statistic excludes the parents of new babies, who have been sleep-deprived since time immemorial.)

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Thought for the Day: "Fear is the tax that conscience pays to guilt."—George Sewell

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MAGIC MAZE ● ABSENT

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C Z X V N T Y X R P N L J G H
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A Y X W U T S Q D A A W A Y O
P O N L K J H G D F D V A D N

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward. up, down and diagonally.

Abdicated	Daydreaming	Gone	On leave
Abroad	Departed	Missing	Truant
Away	Elsewhere	No-show	Vanished
AWOL	Excused	On holiday	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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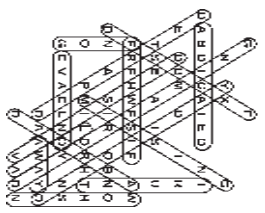

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Apple crisp with a berry twist

There is something about fall, with its cooler days and the abundance of juicy apples, that brings out the baker in us all. Brisk breezes and rustling leaves almost seem to whisper "apple crisp."

Measure, stir and bake this mouthwatering apple dessert using autumn's apple harvest and colorful, juicy frozen blackberries. In this recipe the steps are not only simple, but also mixed with play! Every member of the family will want to be part of the preparation, not to mention the tasting when it comes out of the oven!

Apple Blackberry Crisp

Filling:
5 apples or about 4 cups when peeled and sliced
1 cup frozen blackberries, thawed slightly
1 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon flour
Juice from one lemon

Topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups quick oats
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup melted butter

1. To make the crisp, peel the apples. If your children are skilled at using a vegetable peeler, make peeling the apples a game. Start at the stem, and peel in a spiral motion. Try to make the longest strip without breaking it. If your kids are competitive, they'll have the apples peeled in no time!

2. Cut the peeled apples into 1/4-inch slices. While you are at it, for a surprise, cut an apple in half widthwise to reveal a star design in the middle. Place the slices in a large bowl. Add slightly thawed blackberries, sugar, flour and lemon juice. Combine and spoon into a medium-size 8-inch-by-11-inch baking dish.

3. For the topping, in another bowl, stir together the flour, oats, sugars, cinnamon, salt and melted butter. Mix lightly until crumbly. Sprinkle this topping mixture with fingers over apples and berries. Press lightly.

4. Place in preheated oven. If you have a window on your oven door, let the kids keep watch to observe when the fruit juices bubble up through the browned topping. That will be the clue that the apple-berry crisp is done, about 30 minutes.

5. Serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream or a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a sprig of mint on top. Then give yourselves a standing ovation!

Extra idea: Add a teaspoon or two of leftover berry juice to the whipped cream. Swirl it around to create a purple marbled effect, and then spoon on top of each serving.

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Life & Style

Divorce forces best friends to divide their loyalties

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: Our dearest friends' marriage fell apart four years ago. No one had a clue they were having problems, and we were devastated. We were like family and did everything together. Our oldest children grew up as "siblings" and still remain the closest of friends. "Dorothy" remains deeply in love with "Dan."

Dan has just announced he's being remarried. We have remained close to Dorothy (we're still neighbors), but we are also friendly with Dan. Dorothy doesn't know we're on good terms with her ex, nor is she aware that he has invited us to his wedding.

Dan was never mean to her; he gave her everything in the divorce and continues to be a devoted father to their children. An added note: His children appear to like the new woman in their father's life.

Dorothy just heard about the wedding and doesn't think any of her friends should go. We love them both and feel torn. Dorothy is in counseling and I'm hoping it will help her move on.

I don't want to hurt my friend, but I also want to be supportive of Dan. Do you think we should attend?

CONFLICTED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONFLICTED: When Dorothy's children attend their father's wedding, it will be only a short time before Dorothy finds out who was there. While your reason for wanting to attend is perfectly logical, Dorothy isn't thinking rationally and will probably feel abandoned all over again.

If you're willing to put up with the drama that's sure to follow, attend the wedding—and here's how the rest of the scenario will play out: You will continue to be friendly with Dan and his new wife and socialize with them—and Dorothy will cut herself off and feel even more isolated, alone and angry. You have described someone who NEEDS the counseling she's receiving, and I sincerely hope it works for her.

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DEAR ABBY: Every weekend when I do laundry—a chore I HATE—my husband has left paper, coins, cigarette lighters, etc. in the pockets of his clothing. Sometimes the items end up getting destroyed in the washing machine. Then he gets upset with me because more than once important papers have been ruined.

He says that since I'm doing the laundry I should check the pockets and remove all items before washing the clothes. I say that because I take the time to do the laundry, he should remove the items himself. Abby, who is right?

POCKETS FULL OF TROUBLE

DEAR POCKETS: You're both right. He should check his pockets before putting his clothes into the hamper, and you should make sure there's nothing in them before putting them into the machine. And because marriage is a partnership, how about sharing the chore of doing the laundry by alternating each week (or month)?

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DEAR ABBY: Could you settle a driving disagreement I'm having with my girlfriend? When you are in traffic behind someone who has stopped and is turning left, should you also put on your turn signal to let the drivers behind you know someone is turning? I say no because you are not the one who is turning. My girlfriend says yes, so people know why the traffic has stopped.

NOT THE ONE TURNING

DEAR NOT THE ONE: Your girlfriend is well-meaning, but mistaken. You should use your turn indicator when you are making a left turn. It is not up to you—or your girlfriend—to let people know why someone up ahead has stopped, nor are you expected to.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Comedian Chris Tucker faces foreclosure

MONTVERDE, Fla. (AP)—Court records show comedian Chris Tucker is facing foreclosure on his multimillion-dollar mansion in central Florida. Records show SunTrust Bank filed papers against the California resident with Lake County courts earlier this week.

According to documents, Tucker bought the 10,000-square-foot lakefront home for $6 million in 2007—before the housing market crashed. The bank claims he still owes more than $4.4 million, but the county property appraiser has the home currently assessed at $1.6 million.

Tucker

The Orlando Sentinel reports that the house is located in the Bella Collina development, a 1,900-acre community overlooking lakes and a championship golf course.

Tucker is best known for staring alongside Jackie Chan in three "Rush Hour" films. Other credits include "Friday," "Money Talks" and "The Fifth Element."

'Monster' director Jenkins takes on 'Thor 2'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood has signed up its first female director for a major superhero movie.

Jenkins

Marvel Studios announced Thursday that Patty Jenkins will direct "Thor 2," the sequel to last summer's hit that is due in theaters Nov. 15, 2013.

Jenkins is best-known for writing and directing 2003's "Monster," which earned Charlize Theron the best-actress Academy Award. Her credits also include episodes of "Entourage" and "Arrested Development."

Chris Hemsworth will reprise his title role in "Thor 2" as the Norse god of thunder, with co-stars Natalie Portman and Tom Hiddleston also returning.

The first "Thor," directed by Kenneth Branagh, took in $448 million worldwide.

Another female filmmaker, Lexi Alexander, made the lower-budgeted Marvel movie "The Punisher: War Zone" in 2008. But Jenkins is the first woman to direct a blockbuster superhero franchise.

MTV aims to bring other cultures to US with 'Iggy'

NEW YORK (AP)—For almost three decades, MTV has helped bring U.S. pop culture to a global audience, exporting videos from Madonna to Lil Wayne across the globe. But with its new program, "The MTV Iggy Show," and its new Iggy branding, the network plans to reverse the trend.

"What we've done traditionally in the past at MTV is we've taken versions of MTV and customized it to local audiences (internationally)," said Nusrat Durrani, MTV World's senior vice president and general manager. "What MTV Iggy is about is about global pop culture and global pop music, which actually is borderless. ... MTV is bringing the world to America."

"The MTV Iggy Show" will debut Monday mtvU, and segments of the show will air on all of its networks, including MTV2 and MTV, as well as on its website. The half-hour weekly show will include videos and dispatches from around the globe. In addition, a new website, MTVIggy.com, includes videos, performances and other content from worldwide artists. MTV also plans to promote its Iggy brand—no connection to rock legend Iggy Pop—through social media sites like Facebook and Twitter.

"Our audiences are discovering music now because of digital technology and social music. They're connecting from artists from faraway places. Frankly, we think that America could benefit from understanding the world a little bit better, and music is one of those windows. So what MTV Iggy does is provide America with a window to view global pop culture through," Durrani said.

Swift joins list of celebs to launch fragrance

NEW YORK (AP)—Note to dudes: Taylor Swift's fragrance might smell good, but it's not for you.

"This fragrance is really for people of all ages and I've had to talk some of my guy friends out of wearing it," Swift said, laughing. "So it's debatable whether it's, you know, for both (sexes)."

The Grammy-winning country singer launched her own perfume, Wonderstruck, at Macy's in New York on Thursday.

The perfume, priced at $59.50, is one Swift says she is "obsessed" with.

"I wanted it to be a fragrance that I honestly wanted to wear every day," she said. "That's kind of the rule of thumb: Is it good enough? ... Would I want to wear it all the time and give it as presents to my friends? And that ended up happening."

Swift, 21, joins a number of top celebrities who have released fragrances in the last few years, from Beyonce to Britney Spears to Usher. Swift says the trend is popular because a fragrance has some similarities with music.

"I think that fragrance has a lot to do with shaping people's memories in the way that music does. ...If you hear a song for the first time when you are in love with someone and then you break up and you hear the song again a couple years later, it's gonna make you think right back to that moment when you first heard the song," she said.

"If your boyfriend wears a certain kind of cologne and then you smell it on the street, it's going to immediately make you think of that," she added.

American country singer Taylor Swift launches her debut fragrance, "Wonderstruck", at Macy's Herald Square on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 in New York.

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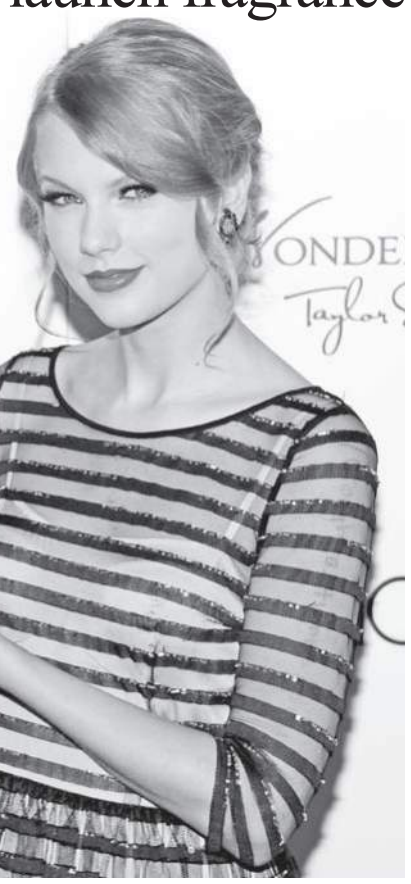


Doctor: Drug 'cocktail' killed Michael Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dr. Conrad Murray's use of a cocktail of drugs on Michael Jackson as he struggled to fall asleep on the day he died was a "recipe for disaster" and ultimately caused his death, a UCLA sleep therapy expert testified Thursday.

Dr. Nader Kamangar described Murray's treatment as "unethical, disturbing and beyond comprehension."

Under questioning by Murray's attorney, J. Michael Flanagan, the witness was asked to tell jurors what he knew about the events of June 25, 2009, the day of Jackson's death.

"To summarize, Mr. Jackson was receiving very inappropriate therapy in a home setting, receiving very potent therapies without monitoring," Kamangar said.

He said diazepam (Valium), lorazepam (Ativan) and midazolam (Versed) were given to the sleepless star during a 10-hour period throughout the night and morning.

"This cocktail was a recipe for disaster," Kamangar said.

Noting the addition of propofol (Dipravan), a powerful anesthetic used in surgeries, Flanagan asked: "Could this have caused death?'

"Absolutely," Kamangar said. "Absolutely."

Authorities say Murray gave Jackson a fatal dose of propofol. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

The witness, one of the experts who evaluated Murray's actions for the California Medical Board, expressed dismay about the drugs Murray gave the pop star, his failure to immediately call 911 for help, and his lack of monitoring and record-keeping.

Murray was unable to produce any written records on his treatment of Jackson, Kamangar noted.

"There were no records whatsoever," he said. "It's very easy to forget details. We do not rely on memory."

"So it's your opinion that there's no way he could have remembered what he did if he didn't write it down?" Flanagan asked.

"It is an egregious violation of the standard of care when you are using sedatives like propofol and you are not writing it down," Kamangar answered.

The defense lawyer pressed on, asking, "Because he didn't write down the pulse rate, oxygen saturation, heart rate ... that didn't kill Michael Jackson, did it?'

Pastimes

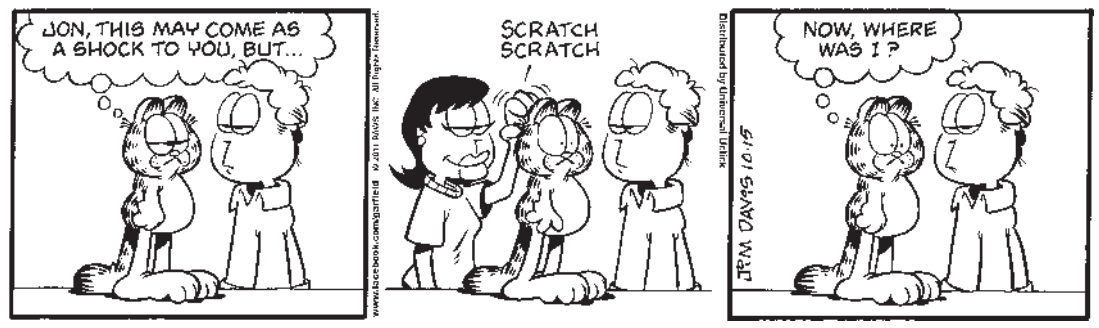
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WITH THESE SNORKELS, WE CAN STAY UNDER WATER INDEFINITELY.
JUST THINK OF ALL THE FISH WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE!
WE CAN COLLECT SHELLS!
LET'S GO!
WELL SO FAR, THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT
WATTERSON

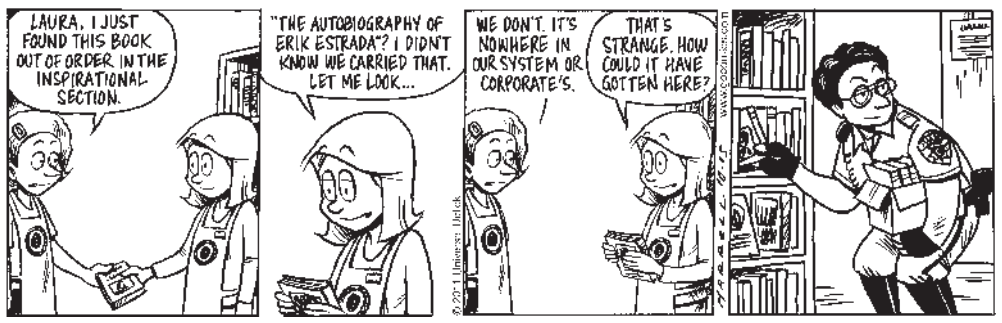
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


LAURA, I JUST FOUND THIS BOOK OUT OF ORDER IN THE INSPIRATIONAL SECTION.
"THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ERIK ESTRADA"? I DIDN'T KNOW WE CARRIED THAT. LET ME LOOK...
WE DON'T. IT'S NOWHERE IN OUR SYSTEM OR CORPORATE'S.
THAT'S STRANGE. HOW COULD IT HAVE GOTTEN HERE?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

FANG, I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET OVERLY ATTACHED TO OUR PUMPKIN AGAIN THIS YEAR. YOU REALIZE IT'S ONLY A VEGETABLE RIGHT?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, GOURDY.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Man of morals?
6 Identify in a line-up
12 Human
13 You, me, him, whoever
14 Sweater material
15 Square
16 Mexican money
17 W.C. Fields prop
19 Crafty
20 Carrots' mates
22 Fish eggs
24 High times
27 — and crafts
29 Alpha follower
32 Fever time?
35 "Yeah, right"
36 Trig function
37 Workout venue
38 Moo — gai pan
40 Columns' crossers
42 Scat singer's syllable
44 Dance lesson
46 Sicilian spouter
50 Roma's land
52 Steal gasoline, maybe
54 Smooth fabric
55 Unbroken
56 Musical —
57 Sleazy one

DOWN
1 Top-notch
2 Work units
3 Urban sitting spot
4 Rowing need
5 Posters
6 Satyr's cousin
7 Central
8 Big Apple letters
9 Zero
10 Organic compound
11 Depend (on)
12 Chart
18 "Royal Wedding" star
21 Listener
23 Kyoto cummerbund
24 Mex. neighbor
25 — de deux
26 Crucifixion wounds
28 Condensed outline
30 Your
31 $ dispenser
33 Venusian vessel?
34 Fresh
39 Wickerwork willow
41 Dividing membranes
42 Platter
43 Western state
45 Soaks up some rays
47 Compared to
48 Notch for a bowstring
49 Pismire
51 Island neckwear
53 Squid squirt

Solution time: 27 mins.

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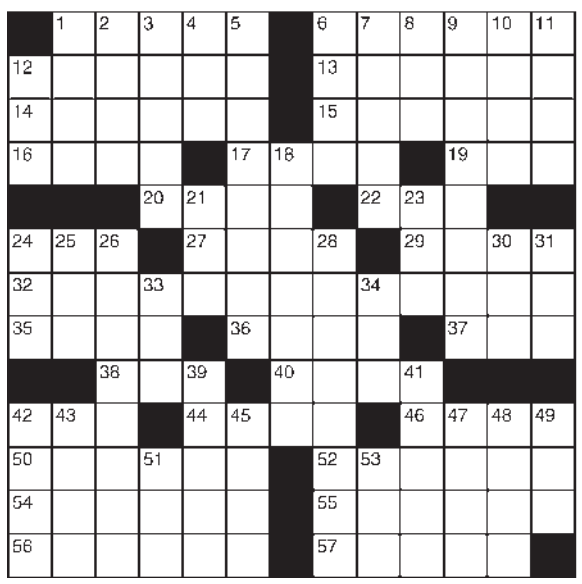
Yesterday's answer 10-15



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Vanessa Marcil, 43; Emeril Lagasse, 52; Sarah Ferguson, 52; Penny Marshall, 68.

Happy Birthday: Emotional situations can be costly. Prepare to look at the possibilities and act accordingly. Not everyone will be honest with you, especially when money is involved. Joint ventures should be avoided. Too much of anything will turn out poorly. Moderation must be maintained, regardless of how enticed you are by someone or something. Your numbers are 3, 10, 21, 23, 36, 44, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Plan to keep busy with challenging activities that will help you stay in shape and keep you motivated to be at your best. Change is within reach, and you have to be ready to make your move quickly, efficiently and with confidence. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Overconfidence will lead to underestimating your opponent. Take a step back and observe what others do before you make your move. Love is in the stars, and taking time to be with someone you cherish will lead to high personal returns. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Emotions may be difficult to control. Do your best to help someone in need, but don't lend money or possessions. An idea you have can earn you extra cash as long as you keep your overhead low. A home-based business shows promise. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Keep your plans to yourself and make whatever you are working toward a surprise. The less interference you have, the more you will achieve. Romance is on the rise, and a social event or plans for two will enhance your love life. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Be careful with whom you share your thoughts. Someone is likely to meddle in your affairs, causing emotional duress and strain on an important relationship. Overindulgence, exaggeration and overspending must be avoided. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You need to explore new avenues. A day trip or attending a conference or tradeshow will open your eyes to all sorts of options you hadn't thought of in the past. Connecting with old friends or colleagues will inspire you to make a move. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Concentrate on finances and getting ahead personally. You can make your home life better by adding to your comfort or pleasing the people you live with. Pay or collect an old debt and it will ease stress and help you move forward. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Look back before you move forward. Make sure you are making the right move with the right person. Relive past regrets and do your best to avoid repeating those mistakes. Make love count. Do something special for the one you love. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Accept the inevitable and prepare for the future. Change is needed personally and professionally in order to advance. Socializing with old friends and colleagues will lead to suggestions, favors and an opportunity to prosper. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Spending quality time with friends, family or the people you enjoy the most will pay off in reducing stress and helping you make vital decisions that will alter your future. An outside view of your current situation will open your eyes to new possibilities. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You can make a profit if you sell items you no longer need. Real estate, personal investments, settlements, rebates or winnings will bring in extra cash that will make your life easier, as long as you don't let love cost you. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to emotional blackmail. Decisions that affect an important relationship must be dealt with rationally, or not at all. Take care of your own wealth, health and happiness and don't let anyone take advantage of you physically or financially. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and stubborn, as well as cautious and creative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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6	2	1	7	8	4	9	3	5

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/14

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SINUS SURGERY Solution: 10 letters

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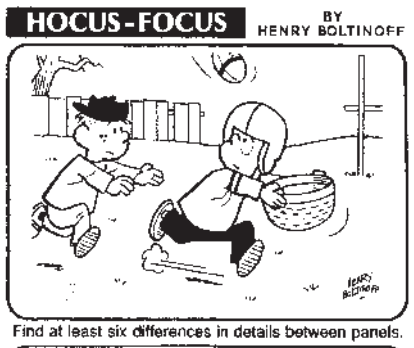
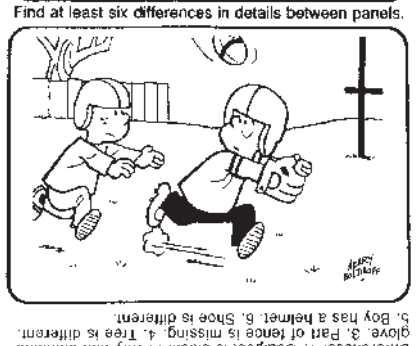
Yesterday's Answer: Calendar

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Goalpost is black. 2. Boy has baseball glove. 3. Part of fence is missing. 4. Tree is different. 5. Boy has a helmet. 6. Shoe is different.

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Wishing Well®

4	3	7	2	8	7	6	4	7	6	8	2	5
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P	E	M	R	I	O	O	L	R	E	T	L	E

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Super Crossword

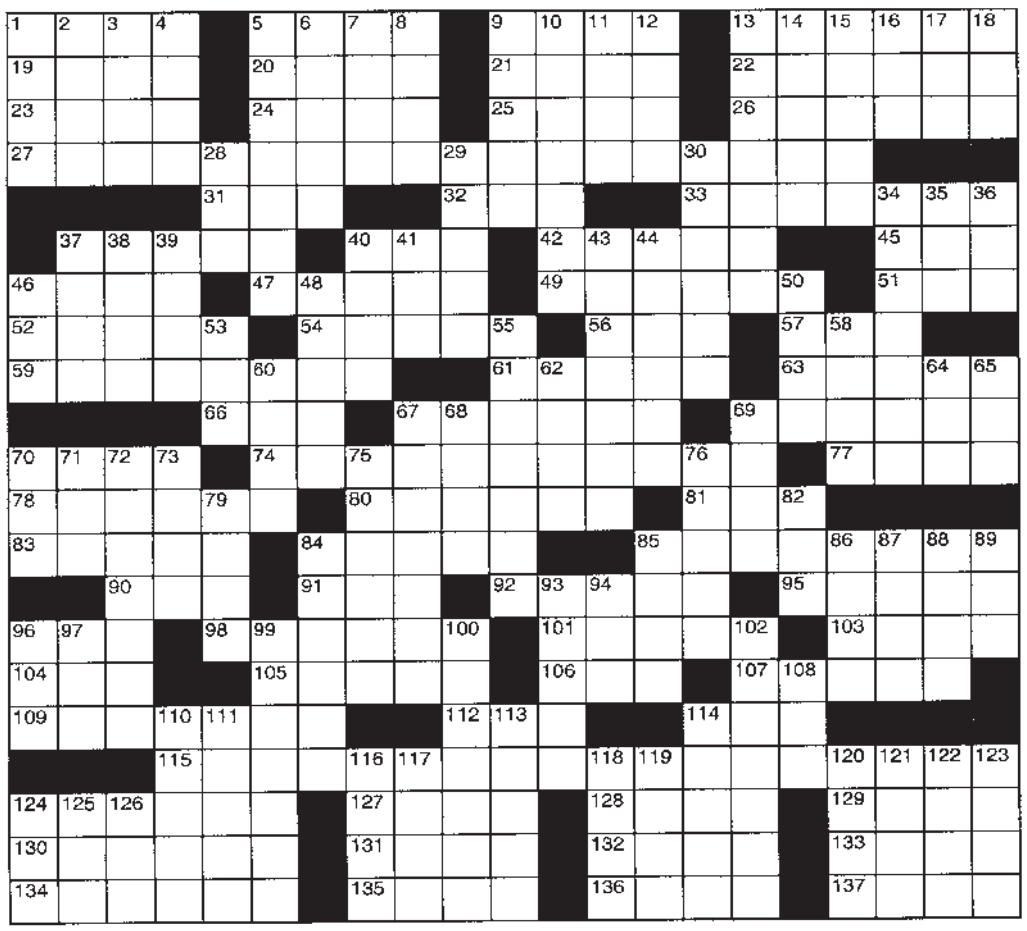
SIMPLE MATH

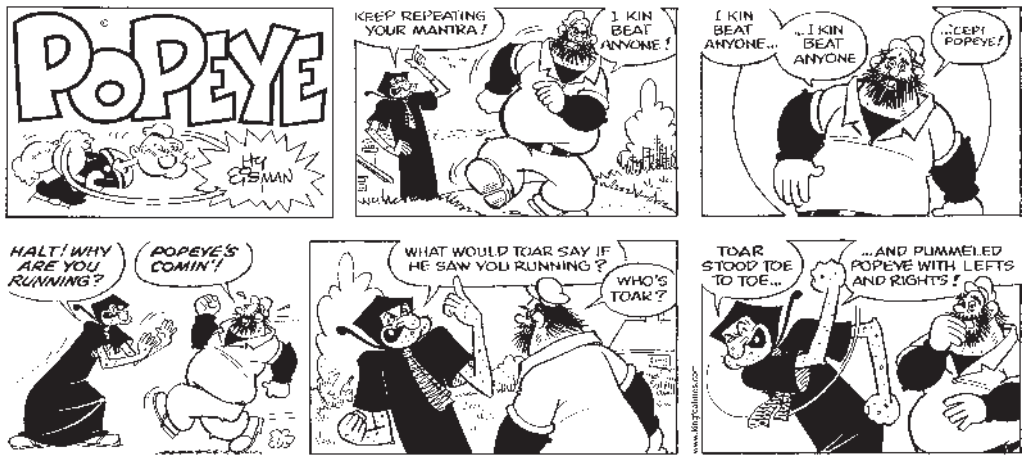
ACROSS

1 "That was a close one!"
5 Horror-film extras
9 E-junk?
13 Football team
19 Troubadour's instrument
20 Each
21 Holy headgear
22 Fill with fizz
23 Taj town
24 West. alliance
25 Like — of bricks
26 Cheese-maker's need
27 Start of a remark
31 Busy bug
32 Initials of interest?
33 Snuggled up
37 Iraqi city
40 — de deux
42 Requirements
45 Bristol brew
46 Chalky cheese
47 Tidied the terrace
49 Word form for "bird"
51 Compete
52 Hotelier Helmsley
54 Take in, perhaps
56 Actress Thurman
57 Fury
59 Part 2 of remark
61 Standish's stand-in
63 Day or Duke
66 Foreman's fortes
67 French port
69 Rap session?
70 Dry run
74 Part 3 of remark
77 Encounter
78 Diva Maria
80 Plaza Hotel kid
81 Ewe said it!
83 Massenet opera
84 Mistreat
85 Part 4 of remark
90 Diocese
91 Fix a fight
92 Spartan serf
95 Pith helmet
96 Make lace
98 They're out of this world
101 Early emancipator
103 TV's "The Twilight —"
104 Kimono closer
105 Snowy bird
106 Relative of -ator
107 Mad general?
109 Duncan's murderer
112 Olive product
114 Tighten the tent
115 End of remark
124 "On the Waterfront" star
127 Gymnast Korbut
128 Plunder
129 Carry out orders
130 Confer
131 Singer Campbell
132 Frank or Francis
133 Forsaken
134 Ringed orbiter
135 Manuscript enc.
136 Pilsner
137 — ranch

DOWN

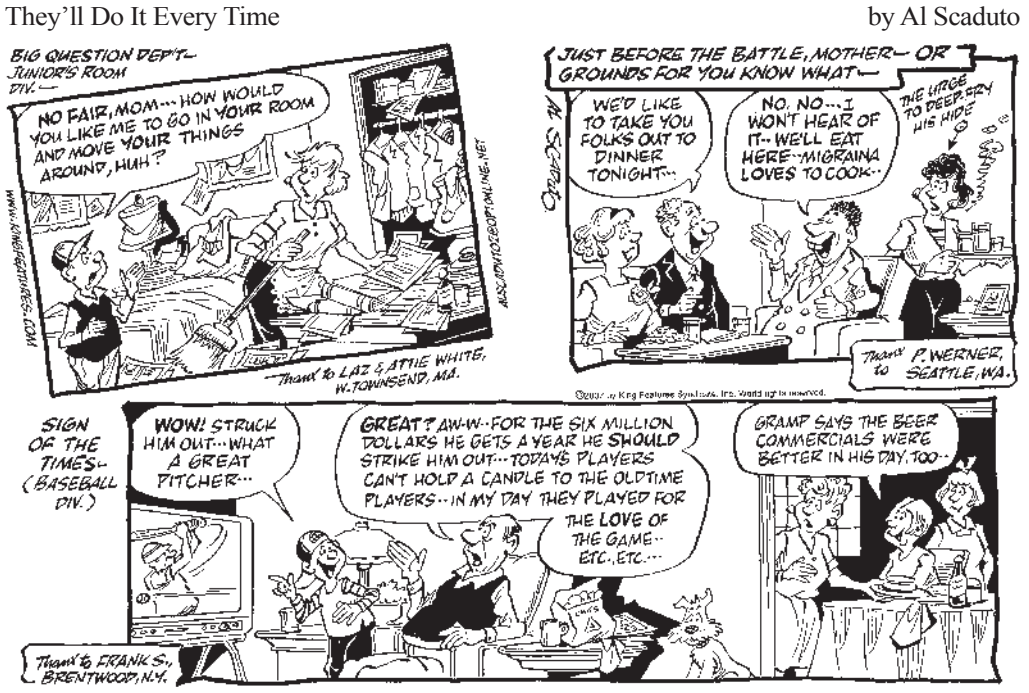
1 Realty map
2 O'Brian or Downs
3 Raison d'—
4 Put on
5 '71 Woody Allen film
6 Separately
7 Shopper's sack
8 Primer pooch
9 Like some cheddar
10 Coaching legend
11 Burn remedy
12 Cadfael, for one
13 Fervent
14 Yorkshire city
15 Surrealist Max
16 Heflin or Cliburn
17 When Paris sizzles
18 Badminton divider
28 Bend someone's — (yak)
29 Dispatch
30 Delhi denizen
34 Shirley's sidekick
35 Ransom — Olds
36 Scottish river
37 Complaint
38 Perched on
39 Rational
40 Brazilian kicker
41 Address abbr.
43 Learned
44 Snare
46 Mr. Ziegfeld
48 "America's Most Wanted" host
50 Conceal
53 NASA affirmative
55 English explorer
58 Wander
60 Greenhouse items
62 Miss
64 "— Station Zebra" ('68 film)
65 Salon request
67 Toilet water
68 Ever's partner
69 Mikita or Musial
70 Pt. of the whole
71 Team scream
72 Stretchy
73 Ballet movement
75 More mysterious
76 Diminish
79 Disoriented
82 Tread the boards
84 Flying brother
85 Price
86 Gloppy
87 "Once — a midnight dreary . . ."
88 Hawaii's state bird
89 Place-kicker's prop
93 Zola or Griffith
94 Rock's — Lobos
96 Hen's hubby
97 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song)
99 Disappoint
100 Silly trio
102 Fall fashion
108 FBI employee
110 Swahili, e.g.
111 Witch's home
113 Pointless
114 Conversation piece?
116 Grabs all the goodies
117 Poet Wilcox
118 Thick slice
119 Actor Franchot
120 Winter woe
121 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
122 Dweeb
123 Actress Daly
124 Small shot
125 Stephen of "Ready to Wear"
126 Nova Scotia hrs.




POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
KEEP REPEATING YOUR MANTRA!
I KIN BEAT ANYONE!
I KIN BEAT ANYONE...
...I KIN BEAT ANYONE
...KEEP, POPEYE!
HALT! WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?
POPEYE'S COMIN'!
WHAT WOULD TOAR SAY IF HE SAW YOU RUNNING?
WHO'S TOAR?
TOAR STOOD TOE TO TOE...
...AND PUMMELED POPEYE WITH LEFTS AND RIGHTS!
AN' WOT HAPPENED TA TOAR?
HMM?
BRUTUS... SOMETIMES YOU SHOW A GLIMMER OF BRILLIANCE!

They'll Do It Every Time

by Al Scaduto


BIG QUESTION DEP'T— JUNIOR'S ROOM DIV.—
NO FAIR, MOM... HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GO IN YOUR ROOM AND MOVE YOUR THINGS AROUND, HUH?
Thanx to LAZ & ATTIE WHITE, W. TOWNSEND, MA.
JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER— OR GROUNDS FOR YOU KNOW WHAT—
WE'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU FOLKS OUT TO DINNER TONIGHT...
NO, NO... I WON'T HEAR OF IT.. WE'LL EAT HERE.. MIGRAINA LOVES TO COOK..
THE URGE TO DEEP-FRY HIS HIDE
Thanx to P. WERNER, SEATTLE, WA.
SIGN OF THE TIMES— (BASEBALL DIV.)
WOW! STRUCK HIM OUT... WHAT A GREAT PITCHER...
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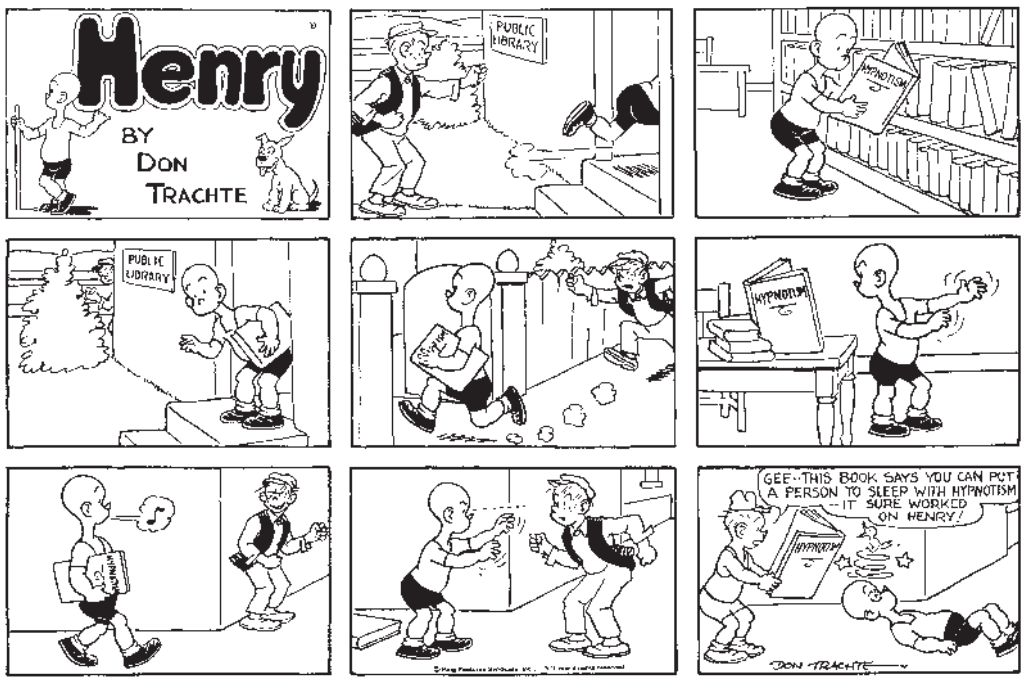
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: What was the name of the 1987 song and the movie starring Madonna?
2. WEATHER: What are the "sirocco," "mistral" and "Chinook"?
3. MEASUREMENTS: A triennial event occurs how often?
4. MOVIES: Who was the Oscar-winning director of the "The Silence of the Lambs"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "cyto-" mean?
6. COMICS: What famous comics character had a girlfriend named Dale Arden?
7. HISTORY: When did the USS Maine explode in Havana's harbor, an event that preceded the Spanish-American War?
8. LITERATURE: Henry David Thoreau's famous Walden Pond is nearest to which town?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Norse goddess of love and fertility?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Cork and Limerick are major cities of which nation?

Answers

1. "Who's That Girl"
2. Names of winds that affect different regions of the world: (sirocco/Mediterranean; mistral/France; Chinook/western North America)
3. Every three years
4. Jonathan Demme
5. Cell
6. Flash Gordon
7. 1898
8. Concord, Mass.
9. Freyja
10. Ireland

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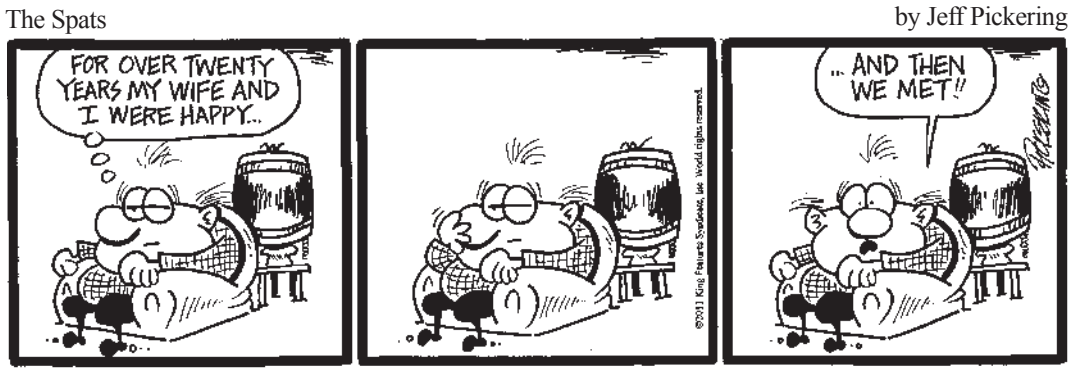
Saturday's Answers

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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ASC Construction is looking for 1-Project Manager-$16.92/hr.-$17.00/hr. Must have Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Min. 10 years experience as Project Manager. Mail resume to PMB 885 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AUDITOR

Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

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1 Administrative/Accounting Clerk, $5.50 to $6.50: Must have more than 5 years experience in accounting work; at least 6 months work experience in public accounting office; at least 4 years work experience in administrative position and exposure working with the company executives; knowledge in Quickbooks, Peachtree, FAS & tax software. Please send your resume at P.O. Box 503198, Saipan MP 96950 (Ernst & Young (CNMI), Inc.)

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1-Accountant, $5.05/hr., 7 yrs. experience, knowledge in Quickbooks software. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

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S.K.Y. Inc. is looking for (1) Japanese/English Translator $ 6.00/ hr. 5 yrs. exp. Send resume to iikaori330@yahoo.co.jp

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USG Investments, Inc. is looking for (1) Ground Maintenance - $.5.55/hr. min. 5 yrs. exp. E-mail resume to jessp96950mm@yahoo.com

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MAC Corporation is looking for (1) Tint Installer-$5.05/hr. 10 yrs. exp. E-mail resume to maccation@gmail.com

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1 Accountant, Salary $5.05-$7.00/ hr. Bachelors Degree in Accounting w/ 5 years experience. Knowledgeable with AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software. Allied Marine Surveyors, Ltd. Email resume to allied@pticom.com

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2 Mandarin Teachers–w/ 2 yrs experience. Pls call 233-3988. Chinese Association of Saipan. Chinese Education Center

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1-Violin Instructor. 5 years experience. Doremi Music School. Tel: 233-7777

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(13) Mason, (5) Carpenter, (1) Plumber. 5 years experience. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

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United Front Co., Ltd. is looking for the ff: 1-Manager, 1-Scuba Diving Instructor, 1-Mechanic. Must be PADI Certified. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to unifrocolt@yahoo.com

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Marianas Resort Development Co., Inc. is looking for1-Office Manager, Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to covalee12@yahoo.com

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Flower Corporation is looking for 1-Scuba Diving Operations Manager. 1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Must be PADI Certified Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to corporation.flower@gmail.com

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(1) Accountant. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Min. 5 yrs work exp in Financial Statements preparation. Knowledge of PIII Acctg software Salary $5.05–13.50/hr.

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Accounting Manager
Requires: College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Passenger Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 8 years of progressive airline passenger service experience, with 3 of the 8 in supervisory capacity. Directs and coordinates airline station activities to provide passenger services for scheduled flight operations; liaises with client airlines. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations.

Assistant Passenger Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 6 years of progressive airline passenger service experience, with 3 of the 6 in supervisory capacity. Supervises passenger service agents and liaises with the customer airline to resolve any concerns regarding flight handling operations. Serves as Ground Security Coordinator and as trainer in various airline passenger service systems. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations.

Aircraft Maintenance, Ground Support Equipment and Aircraft Servicing Manager
Requires: AS degree in Aviation Maintenance Engineering with 10 years of progressive experience as a licensed A&P (airframe & power plant) Technician. Oversees the activities of Aircraft Maintenance Technicians; supervises all aircraft repair and services; supervises required interior and exterior cleaning of aircraft. Must hold current U.S. FAA A&P License and certified in various aircraft-types maintenance. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, local airport and airline regulations.

Flight Operations and Ramp Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 8 years of progressive airline ramp operations and flight dispatch experience, with 3 of the 8 in supervisory capacity. Directs and coordinates activities of the ramp and flight dispatch operations in accordance with the airline policy and FAA, TSA, local airport regulation and established company policies and procedures. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, local airport and airline regulations and be US FAA licensed as an Aircraft Dispatcher.

Aircraft Service Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Aircraft Service Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Ramp Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Operates equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to learn how to operate specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Ramp Agent (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (6)
Requires: Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Performs various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician
Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Cargo Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Prepares documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be computer-literate and capable of learning the use of the CSP Cargo Trac System. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Cargo Agent (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be proficient in use of CSP Cargo Trac System. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (2)
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive/diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in parts fabrication. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic Supervisor
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive gas/diesel engines with minimum of 4 years experience, 2 of the 4 years in a supervisory capacity, in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas/diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises GSE mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Passenger Service Agent (Chinese Translator)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Lead Passenger Service Agent (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Load Planning Specialist
Requires: Associates Degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

Senior Load Planning Specialist
Requires: Associates Degree with 4 years of load planning experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Prepares monthly flight activity reports. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

Applications can be obtained at the POI Aviation Office at the Continental Cargo Building at the airport. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than October 28, 2011. Back ground checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

POI Aviation is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Maintenance & Repair Worker. Wage range $5.05 per hour.

Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting; insulating; welding; machining; carpentry; masonry, repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings, floors, or stairs. Applicant will be responsible for maintaining and servicing employer's private home as well as rental properties owned by employer and employer's family, employer's office, contracted for residences and commercial spaces and commercial building area. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 15 years of continued experience in maintenance and/or construction related trades. Must know how to operate a large variety of power equipment safely and in a non-destructive manner. Must be significantly skilled in masonry and carpentry and plumbing. Must arrive for work on time, all of the time. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as required. Must be able to plan and execute repair and maintenance work in a self-contained environment. Must be able to read, and write basic English and speak and understand spoken English well. Able to converse in Tagalog or other non-English languages preferred. Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by October 18.

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- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1 Accountant/Bookkeeper
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- Knowledge in Peachtree software

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Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.95 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience in the relevant field
- Repair LPG equipment and LPG tanker truck
- Ability in following safety practices, and recognizing and eliminating hazards and knowledge in established LPG Plant procedures and standards.
- Training is required in Hazardous Materials, HAZWOPER and other Safety training
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1-LPG Tank Truck Driver
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to operate and load LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

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- Familiar with LPG business activities
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(1) Maintenance/Gardening
Minimum of 5 years experience. To include minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting & other related duties as assigned. Dependable attendance, follows instructions VERY well. MUST be flexible & available to work early mornings, late nights. & weekends.

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Minimum 5 yrs. childcare experience; ability to cook local/Asian cuisine preferred; previous commercial cleaning experience advantageous; Fluency in English required. MUST be able to work nights/weekends/holidays.

For consideration, mail resume to the above address no later than Oct. 20, 2011.

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Business Operations Manager
Graduate of a four-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in a financing or commercial/credit loan business. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO and Loan Management Information Systems, MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd_cfc@tanholdings.com not later than October 21, 2011.

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One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) ACCOUNTANT - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting required

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr
- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr
- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr
- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

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Business Operations Manager
Graduate of a 4-year Business or Accounting course with a minimum of 8 years progressive management experience and at least 2 years of general management experience in warehouse, sales, purchasing and distribution activities. Must have a solid track record in meeting business objectives.

Sales Representatives (2)
Associate's degree in Sales & Marketing or Accounting with a minimum of 3 years experience in sales. Proven skills in product marketing and providing excellent customer service are required. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays and weekends.

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- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
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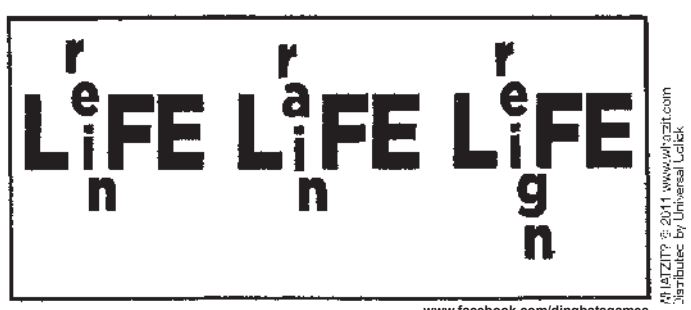

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Tigers stay alive in ALCS, hold off Rangers

DETROIT (AP)—One moment, Justin Verlander and the Tigers were on the verge of watching their season slip away.

After a double play and a lucky bounce, they were headed back to Texas.

Verlander helped save Detroit's season with a gutsy effort and the Tigers hit for a sudden cycle to break away in a 7-5 victory Thursday that cut the Rangers' lead to 3-2 in the AL championship series.

Delmon Young hit two of Detroit's four homers and Miguel Cabrera had a tiebreaking double in the sixth inning—thanks to a bizarre bounce off third base.

"I have that bag in my office right now. And that will be in my memorabilia room at some point in my life, I can promise you," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

After building a five-run cushion, Detroit held on despite Nelson Cruz's record fifth home run of the series. With closer Jose Valverde unavailable for the Tigers, Texas cut it to 7-5 in the ninth and had Cruz on deck when Phil Coke retired Mike Napoli on a game-ending groundout with two runners on.

Coke got five outs for his first career postseason save.

"Cokie came through for us," Leyland said. "A little different situation for him obviously, but he was up to the challenge."

The Rangers get another chance to reach the World Series for the second straight season in Game 6 Saturday night at home. Derek Holland will start for Texas against Max Scherzer.

A swift turn of events in the sixth helped Detroit pull ahead. The Tigers turned a bases-loaded double play to keep the score tied at 2, then opened the bottom half with a single, double, triple and homer—in order—to take a 6-2 lead.

It was the first time four consecutive batters on one team hit for a "natural" cycle in a postseason game, according to STATS LLC.

The Rangers were the ones who seemed on the verge of breaking the game open in the sixth, loading the bases with one out. But then Ian Kinsler hit a grounder right to third baseman Brandon Inge, who merely had to step on the bag and throw to first for a double play.

"We had him right there in the sixth. He got out of it," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We missed a home run by inches, and they opened the game up by inches. Got a groundball double play, hits the bag, and from that point on, you know, boom, bam. Put up four runs."

Ryan Raburn led off the bottom half with a single, and what looked to be a routine grounder by Cabrera bounced high off third base and down the line, putting Detroit ahead 3-2.

"We were lucky, but we need lucky times right now," Cabrera said. "Hopefully we're lucky Saturday."

Victor Martinez followed with a rare triple down the right-field line, scoring another run, and Young added a two-run homer.

Raburn homered in the seventh to make it 7-2.

After using Valverde and Joaquin Benoit for three straight days, Leyland announced before Game 5 that neither reliever would be available. He was hoping to make it through the day with just Verlander and Coke, and that's exactly what happened.

"Well, it's what we said before the game. So it gave everybody a chance to get all their second-guessing ready about it," Leyland said. "That's just the way it had to be today. We talked about it before the game and we did exactly what we felt we had to do to give ourselves any chance to win the series."

Verlander allowed four runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings, throwing a career-high 133 pitches. He struck out eight and walked three.

"I want the ball. I want to go as deep as possible," Verlander said. "It was a battle for me, all night."

Verlander reached 100 mph on the stadium radar gun with pitch No. 133. Cruz, however, caught up to that fastball and sent it down the left-field line for a two-run homer, chasing Verlander and setting a record for homers in a league championship series.

"He struck me out twice with curveballs, so I was glad he threw me a fastball, even if it was 100 (mph)," Cruz said. "I think I might have had streaks like this in the minors, maybe, but I've never hit this many homers this fast in the majors."

Cruz became the fifth player to hit five homers in a postseason series. Reggie Jackson, Ken Griffey Jr., Juan Gonzalez and Chase Utley were the others.

Verlander left the game after Cruz's homer, raising his glove to acknowledge the cheering fans.

"I don't like to do that in the middle of a ballgame, but when they show their support that way, you can't help but give them a little tip of the cap or a wave or something," Verlander said. "They've been tremendous all year."

After winning 24 games and leading the American League in ERA and strikeouts, Verlander hadn't had much of a chance to shine this postseason.

AP

Detroit Tigers' Brandon Inge, right, and teammate Austin Jackson help celebrate their 7-5 over the Texas Rangers in Game 5 of baseball's American League championship series Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, in Detroit.

Two of his first three playoff starts were ended early by rain delays.

He didn't have to worry about that Thursday. Game 5 began under a cloudy sky with the sun peeking through over Comerica Park, and the threatening sky later didn't amount to anything until a misty rain began to fall over the field—after the game was over.

This time, the Rangers were Verlander's biggest obstacle. With two strikes on Kinsler in the first, Verlander went to his sweeping breaking ball, and the Texas second baseman pulled it to left field for a double. After going to third on a groundout by Elvis Andrus, Kinsler came home on Josh Hamilton's sacrifice fly to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

"I kind of haven't had my rhythm," Verlander said.

Texas starter C.J. Wilson was sharp at the start, retiring his first seven batters.

Alex Avila tied it with an opposite-field homer to left in the third. The Detroit catcher has taken a beating behind the plate all year and has had a miserable postseason, going 2 of 33 before the homer.

Young was actually left off Detroit's ALCS roster because of an injury, but he returned before Game 2 after Magglio Ordonez re-fractured his ankle. Young's homer over the fence in left-center gave Detroit a 2-1 lead in the fourth.

Hamilton's RBI single in the fifth tied the game at 2.

"This has been a tremendous, tremendous series in my opinion," Leyland said.

Wilson, a left-hander who has struggled in three playoff starts this year, was done in by Detroit's rally in the sixth and came out after that inning. He allowed six runs and eight hits, striking out five and walking two.

With two outs in the ninth, Hamilton doubled and Michael Young drove him home with a single that made it 7-5. After a walk to Adrian Beltre, Mike Napoli grounded into a forceout, sending the series back to Texas.

"The Detroit Tigers are here for a reason. Tonight their backs were against the wall. They did what they had to do—catching a break included," Washington said. "Now we go home. We still feel good about ourselves."

Brewers 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Milwaukee pitcher Randy Wolf outfoxed St. Louis for seven innings to earn his first postseason win at age 35, leading the Brewers to a win that squared the National League Championship Series at 2-2.

Ryan Braun got two hits for the Brewers, who notched their first road win in playoffs since the 1982 World Series opener. They had lost eight since.

Matt Holliday and Allen Craig homered for the Cardinals, representing their only runs in the past 16 innings.

Game 5 is Friday when Jaime Garcia will start for St. Louis against Milwaukee's Zack Greinke.

Wolf kept the Cardinals off-balance with soft tosses and retired 13 of his last 15 hitters. It was a huge improvement from Game 4 of the NL division series at Arizona in which he surrendered seven runs in three innings.

Wolf also struggled in his last two regular season starts, allowing 10 runs in 11 2-3 innings.

St. Louis' Allen Craig—starting in place of Lance Berkman—homered to put the hosts ahead 2-0 in the third.

The Brewers tied it in the fourth through doubles by Prince Fielder and Jerry Hairston Jr. and an RBI single by Yuniesky Betancourt.

Cardinals starter Kyle Lohse was pulled after Nyjer Morgan doubled to start Milwaukee's fifth and advanced on a groundout with the heart of the order coming up. Ryan Braun's single put the Brewers in front, although it could have been better for the Brewers if not for Cardinals second baseman Ryan Theriot making a sprawling stop on Fielder's hard-hit liner and engineering an inning-ending double play.

Opening the sixth, Rickie Weeks singled and Hairston doubled again and the Brewers soon had a two-run cushion. George Kottaras hit a grounder against a drawn-in infield off Arthur Rhodes, and Theriot bobbled the ball on a short hop for an error.

St. Louis was 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position and is 0 for 15 after the first inning of Game 3.

Simpson takes big step toward money title

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP)—Webb Simpson signed up for the McGladrey Classic because it gave him a shot at winning the PGA Tour money title. He played Thursday as though he was intent on doing just that.

Simpson matched his best score of the year in the opening round at Sea Island, making eight birdies for a 7-under 63 that gave him a share of the lead with tour rookie Zack Miller.

"There's no way I can play this golf tournament without thinking about the money title," Simpson said. "I'm thinking about it every day. But I'm not over every shot thinking, 'This is for the money title.' It's more that I'm just trying my best to get focused on winning the golf tournament."

At this rate, he stands a reasonable chance at both.

Simpson has won twice in his last five tournaments, leaving him $68,971 behind Luke Donald on the money list with two tournaments remaining. Donald isn't playing this week, and he has until 5 p.m. Friday to decide whether to play Disney next week in the final event of the PGA Tour season.

Also at stake is the PGA Tour player of the year award, with no clear favorite. No player has more than two wins and, while Donald has only one win in the United States, he has been No. 1 in the world since May. For Donald and Simpson, the money title could go a long way in collecting votes.

Simpson needs to finish at least in 15th place alone to surpass Donald, although he looked as if he had bigger plans the way he worked his way around the Seaside course, even as the breeze picked up late in the morning.

Deliberate by nature, Simpson at times switched clubs two or three times, although it paid off on the fourth hole when he went back to a 7-iron and dropped his shot some 4 feet from the cup for a birdie. The only glitch was a poor approach from the middle of the 18th fairway in the middle of his round for a bogey.

Simpson isn't alone in having money on his mind this week.

Miller is trying not to think about it. He hasn't made a cut since the Viking Classic in July and has fallen to No. 146 on the money list. If he doesn't get into the top 150, he'll have to return to the second stage of Q-school.

But he has tried to take whatever positives he could find out of the last few months, learning to base happiness on something besides his scores. It was hard not to be happy with a 63, especially after going birdie-birdie-eagle early in his round, the longest of those a 4-footer for eagle on No. 15 after a perfect 5-iron.

Martin Piller was tied for the lead until a bogey on the last hole put him in a large group at 64. That included Scott McCarron, who is No. 163 on the money list and birdied his last three holes. McCarron, like so many others in the Fall Series events, is trying to get inside the top 125 to secure his full PGA Tour card for next year.

Stern doubts Christmas games if no deal Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP)—Commissioner David Stern said his "gut" tells him there will be no NBA basketball on Christmas without a labor agreement by Tuesday.

That day, when owners and players are scheduled to meet with a federal mediator, is a "really big deal," he added.

Owners will then open two days of board meetings Wednesday, and without an agreement to bring them, Stern believes further cancellations are coming.

"Right now, Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday, just before my owners come into town, having brought in the labor relations committee and Billy (Hunter) having brought in his executive committee, it's time to make the deal," Stern said Thursday. "If we don't make it on Tuesday, my gut—this is not in my official capacity of canceling games—but my gut is that we won't be playing on Christmas Day."

Stern canceled the first two weeks of the regular season on Monday when the sides couldn't reach a deal before a deadline he had set.

Christmas is traditionally the first big day of the NBA season. This year's three-game schedule features the NBA finals rematch between the Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat.

The sides will need to act quickly to save it. The talks have stalled over the structure of the salary cap system and the division of revenues between owners and players.

They will meet Tuesday with George Cohen, the same mediator who tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute months before it eventually ended.

Asked if Cohen had the ability to move the sides toward a deal, Stern said: "I'm hoping he does because I think that if we don't make a deal by the time my owners meetings come in Wednesday and Thursday, after we've met with the mediator on Monday and then met with each other on Tuesday, then I despair.

"Because we will have lost two weeks for sure on our way to losing more games, offers will get worse, possibly on both sides, and the deal's going to slip away from us, as may the season," he added. "So this is the time to make a deal."

In a separate interview with NBA TV, Stern said he thought one was in reach Monday. The sides met for more than 12 hours over two days before talks broke down, and he says despite frequent meetings lately that "we aren't making any progress."

"How many times does it pay to keep meeting, and to have the same things thrown back at you?" Stern said. "We're ready to sit down and make a deal. I don't believe that the union is. Hopefully by Tuesday, aided by the mediator, they'll be ready to make a deal. Certainly, I'll bring my owners ready to make a deal."

Hunter is meeting with players on Friday in Los Angeles. The union has balked at owners' proposal to replace their hard salary cap plan by making the luxury tax much more punitive. Players believe it would become such a deterrent to spending that it would essentially work as a hard cap.

The sides also have to decide how to divide up about $4 billion in annual revenues. Players were guaranteed 57 percent of basketball-related income in the previous collective bargaining agreement and have proposed lowering it to 53 percent. Owners are seeking the same 53-47 split in their favor.

The parties have discussed a 50-50 split, which the players rejected. In the radio interview, Stern repeated a claim he made Monday that the original discussion of an even split was initiated by the players.

They also are still clashing over the length of the agreement, with players not wanting to go beyond six years and owners seeking a 10-year deal but offering the players an opt-out after seven. Player contract lengths, luxury tax payments and the use of spending exceptions are among the other big items remaining.

"We haven't even addressed many of the issues," Stern said.

So there is a lot left—and now perhaps just a few days to save basketball in this calendar year.

"Deal Tuesday, or we potentially spiral into situations where the worsening offers on both sides make it even harder for the parties to make a deal," Stern said.

The NBA TV interview aired Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT.

NBA Commissioner David Stern talks with reporters, Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in New York. AP

Raiders' deal for Curry complete

Curry

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—The Oakland Raiders acquired linebacker Aaron Curry from the Seattle Seahawks, though it's unclear if the former first-round pick will play this weekend.

The trade, which sent Oakland's seventh-round draft pick in 2012 and a conditional fifth-rounder in 2013 to Seattle, was completed Thursday after Curry passed a physical.

A day after cleaning out his locker with the Seahawks, Curry posted a picture of himself wearing a Raiders shirt and hat on Twitter.

It's uncertain where Curry will fit into Oakland's defense. Middle linebacker Rolando McClain was limited in practice due to an ankle injury, while defensive end Matt Shaughnessy is sidelined by a shoulder injury.

A strongside linebacker with the Seahawks, Curry gives Oakland the flexibility to move outside linebacker Kamerion Wimbley to the defensive line to replace Shaughnessy if need be.

"(Curry) is athletic. He can run, he tackles, he takes on linemen, he takes on backs," coach Hue Jackson said before the deal was completed. "I feel very comfortable in my evaluation, watching tape of this young man and what he is and what he could do for us. I like this situation of him being a part of our football team."

Jackson brushed aside criticisms of Curry, who went from being a can't-miss prospect in Seattle to a backup on defense after losing his starting spot to K.J. Wright.

"I can't speak to what went on up there but I know what's going to go on here," Jackson said following practice, before the deal was completed. "We came to a collective agreement over the last couple days of myself watching tape and feeling very comfortable about the opportunity to improve the football team."

The move is the first by the Raiders since the death Saturday of owner Al Davis.

Jackson, who said Davis trained him to make personnel moves, declined to discuss details of the deal until it was finished. Curry is signed through the 2012 season but it's believed he agreed to restructure parts of his contract before trade was completed.

Curry's arrival gives the Raiders 12 former first-round picks, seven on defense.

The No. 4 overall pick in 2009, Curry never lived up to pre-draft expectations in Seattle after winning the Butkus Award as a senior at Wake Forest. The 6-foot-2, 255-pounder has 5 1/2 career sacks and only 22 tackles this season after losing his starting job.

Curry's struggles reached a low point in Seattle's 35-26 win over the New York Giants last Sunday when he was replaced in pass coverage by David Vobora, who had been re-signed by the Seahawks earlier in the week.

Seattle general manager John Schneider released a statement Thursday addressing the trade.

"On behalf of Mr. (Paul) Allen, Coach (Pete) Carroll, and the entire Seahawks family, we want to thank Aaron for his contributions to the Seahawks and wish him all the best with his fresh start in Oakland."

McClain did not practice Wednesday and was limited in workouts on Thursday. If he can't play in Sunday's home game against Cleveland, the Raiders are expected to start Darryl Blackstock.

Curry could provide insurance behind Blackstock in the middle but Jackson sounded as though the Raiders plan to leave him on the outside for now.

"I don't want to put him in a whole bunch of spots," Jackson said. "I want to let him play one thing and let him become great because I think the guy has great talent."

Notes: A team official announced that the game has been sold out, marking the first time since 2008 that the Raiders have sold out three consecutive home games. Team officials have planned a tribute to Davis for the game and several former players are expected to take part.

Little League board still to elect new president, VP

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The newly elected eight-member Saipan Little League Baseball Inc. board of directors has yet to elect its president and vice president.

This after the board concluded its first internal meeting last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room and the presidential race between former head Juan I. Tenorio and Rep. Ray Yumul ended in a 4-4 deadlock.

Only after the election for president is decided will the election for vice president commence.

Although the elections for the two tops posts of the local youth baseball program is still undecided, seven other board seats were determined.

The new board consists of two returning officers, as Peding Tenorio was again tapped to serve as the league's secretary. Former treasurer and acting president, Anie Flores, meanwhile will serve as players' agent.

Other positions include Roman Reyes as league treasurer, Robert Magofna as safety officer, managers' representative Yvonne Tarope Camacho, umpires' representative James Mawata, and statistician Remedio Celis.

After the board decides on its president and vice president they can meet and discuss suggestions made by SLLBI members that were present during the general election/ membership meeting last Saturday.

Tenorio

Yumul

Such suggestions include segregating independent fundraising accounts per age division to help determine more accurate budgets; lengthening the service terms of the SLLBI board positions in effort to improve and strengthen commitment to the league; and amending the current CNMI District Tournament format and declare Saipan as the lone annual host island in effort to save money before advancement to the Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

THE MCGLADREY CLASSIC SCORES

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP)– Scores Thursday from the $4 million McGladrey Classic, played at the 7,005-yard, par-70 Seaside Course at Sea Island Resort: (Seaside Course)

FIRST ROUND

Webb Simpson	31-32–63
Zack Miller	33-30–63
Scott McCarron	33-31–64
Billy Horschel	32-32–64
Martin Piller	33-31–64
Richard S. Johnson	31-34–65
Ben Crane	32-33–65
Angel Cabrera	33-32–65
Nick O'Hern	33-32–65
D.J. Trahan	33-32–65
Michael Thompson	32-33–65
Cameron Tringale	32-33–65
Louis Oosthuizen	32-33–65
Matt Jones	33-32–65
David Hearn	33-32–65
Paul Stankowski	32-34–66
Henrik Stenson	33-33–66
Jeff Overton	33-33–66
Kevin Streelman	35-31–66
Colt Knost	33-33–66
Andres Gonzales	32-34–66
Ben Curtis	34-32–66
John Rollins	32-34–66
Stephen Ames	33-33–66
Trevor Immelman	32-34–66
Michael Letzig	31-36–67
Kris Blanks	35-32–67
Shane Bertsch	35-32–67
Spencer Levin	36-31–67
Rod Pampling	35-32–67
Derek Lamely	34-33–67
Boo Weekley	36-31–67
Ben Martin	33-34–67
Alexandre Rocha	34-33–67
Bio Kim	33-34–67
Jim Furyk	33-34–67
Bryce Molder	34-33–67
Johnson Wagner	32-35–67
Robert Garrigus	35-32–67
Billy Mayfair	35-32–67
Jim Herman	35-32–67
Chris Riley	37-31–68
Brian Davis	35-33–68
Shaun Micheel	33-35–68
Bud Cauley	34-34–68
Troy Merritt	35-33–68
Jeff Quinney	35-33–68
Lucas Glover	34-34–68
Jerry Kelly	32-36–68
Michael Bradley	33-35–68
Richard Scott	34-34–68
Fabian Gomez	33-35–68
Adam Hadwin	35-33–68
James Driscoll	36-33–69
Jonathan Byrd	37-32–69
Charles Howell III	36-33–69
Carl Pettersson	34-35–69
Davis Love III	35-34–69
Matt Bettencourt	34-35–69
Josh Teater	37-32–69
Chris Couch	33-36–69
Roland Thatcher	35-34–69
Jeff Maggert	35-34–69
Michael Connell	35-34–69
Matt McQuillan	35-34–69
William McGirt	34-35–69
Will MacKenzie	35-34–69
Brendon de Jonge	35-34–69
Tag Ridings	34-35–69
Kyle Stanley	34-35–69
Mark Wilson	36-33–69
Paul Casey	37-32–69
Scott Piercy	34-35–69
Jason Bohn	35-34–69
Ryuji Imada	35-34–69
David Mathis	35-34–69
Blake Adams	34-35–69
David Duval	34-36–70
Bo Van Pelt	36-34–70
Matt Kuchar	36-34–70
Robert Allenby	33-37–70
Chris Kirk	35-35–70
D.A. Points	35-35–70
Zach Johnson	35-35–70
Kevin Kisner	35-35–70
Joe Durant	34-36–70
Graeme McDowell	35-35–70
Heath Slocum	38-32–70
Brian Gay	35-35–70
Justin Leonard	38-32–70
Chris DiMarco	39-31–70
Tommy Gainey	35-36–71
Garrett Willis	38-33–71
Hunter Haas	37-34–71
Tim Herron	33-38–71
Kent Jones	35-36–71
Brandt Snedeker	36-35–71
Arjun Atwal	35-36–71
Stewart Cink	33-38–71
Rocco Mediate	36-35–71
Michael Sim	37-34–71
Chad Campbell	34-37–71
David Toms	37-34–71
Sean O'Hair	37-34–71
Nathan Green	37-34–71
Daniel Summerhays	36-35–71
Phillip Choi	37-34–71
Sunghoon Kang	34-37–71
Joseph Bramlett	35-36–71
Chris Stroud	37-35–72
J.J. Henry	36-36–72
Jim Renner	37-35–72
Scott Gutschewski	38-34–72
Vaughn Taylor	33-39–72
Tim Weinhart	33-39–72
Justin Hicks	36-36–72
Steve Flesch	36-37–73
Bobby Gates	37-36–73
Rickie Fowler	35-38–73
Nate Smith	35-38–73
Tom Gillis	37-37–74
Cameron Beckman	37-37–74
Tim Petrovic	38-36–74
Marc Leishman	39-35–74
Jarrod Lyle	39-35–74
D.J. Brigman	39-35–74
Vijay Singh	40-35–75
Steven Bowditch	38-37–75
Alex Prugh	38-38–76
Will Strickler	40-36–76
Tom Murray	40-39–79

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SSC

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Meanwhile, SSC will hold another event today when it hosts the 2011 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swimming Championship at the Marpi pool.

The competition will feature swimmers in the elementary, junior high, and high school divisions with SSC recognizing the Top 3 schools in each category.

Fourteen schools are entered in today's races. The list includes Whispering Palms School, Saipan International School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, Mt. Carmel School, Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, Chacha Junior High School, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

NMIVA offering free Saturday clinics through Dec. 18

The Northern Marianas Volleyball Association is inviting all interested players to participate in free volleyball clinics on Saturday mornings from 8am to 10am beachside at Fiesta Resort & Spa.

The clinics, which will be held Saturdays beginning today until Dec. 18, will be conducted by CNMI national team coach Russ Quinn and veteran national player Tyce Mister

The clinics are open to the public and there are no fees to participate.

Clinics are open to all players ages 10 and above and adult supervision is preferred for players under 14.

Learning points include an overview of the basic fundamentals, game strategy, and conditioning.

Participants will also get a chance to see the CNMI national team training up close, as they will be showcasing their skills and help out with the clinics. NMIVA attests the clinics are both a great workout and a way for families to spend a Saturday morning in the sand.

Players must provide their own clothes, water or sports drinks, and transportation. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

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of the squad, was one of them, as he nailed the game-winning layup in the last .5 second in Ali'i Konflikt's 79-77 victory over VisMinda/Satbahi.

"Many said luck was on our side in the win against VisMinda. We took that as a challenge and played better in the last two games to show the people we worked hard to get these wins," Del Rosario added.

Next up for Ali'i Konflikt was the resurgent and Freddie Pelisamen-bannered Cavite/ Andok's, which pulled off an upset over the second-seeded Hoops. Ali'i Konflikt went on to dominate Cavite in the semis, 108-88, to advance to finals.

In the winner-take-all finale, Ali'i Konflikt was pitted against the toughest team in the field—Proa, which was unbeaten in the regular season and eliminated Estolas and Mobil in a classic semis match, 110-105.

"Obviously, Proa was heavily favored to win with its talent-laden lineup. When he had a meeting one night before the finals, players knew we were the underdogs so we really have to play our hearts out to give Proa a good fight. Elmer (Esdrelon) told his teammates not to back down in every play. If they committed mistakes, they had to return on defense and make up for that error," Del Rosario said.

Come game time in the finals, Ali'i Konflikt players did what they were told, picking up those loose balls, making extra passes, having good shot selections, stopping Proa's gunners, and settling down against Namfrel's pressure defense midway in the second quarter. Ali'i Konflikt went on to post a 94-80 victory, pulling off one of the most surprising championship wins in the history of UFO caging.

Tonight, Ali'i Konflikt will get the championship trophy, which several months ago seemed to be out of its grasp.

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making it to the April and June winners list.

Bringing home two medals too was Rafael Jones, who was selected in April and May, while fellow netter, Christian Miller received his medal for August.

In baseball, Ian Rogolifoi and Vince Cepeda were awarded the September medals. Joshua Jones was also on the September list, but failed to make it to the awards ceremony, along with athletics' Rachel Abrams (September), football's Jehn Joyner (July), and spearfishing's David Lizama (June).

Besides the medals, the student awardees also received gift certificates from Modern Stationary and Shirley's Coffee Shop. TSL Foundation manager Ed Arriola handed the awards with NMASA president Michael White present to witness the ceremony.

"Congratulations to all the winners and keep up the good work," White said after the presentation.

Ackerman, who has won the Female Student Athlete of the Month three times this year, getting the same recognition in February, was chosen in May for ruling the DFS Tennis Championships and won anew in August for her outstanding performance in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

Lopez took the April and June awards for topping the U15 divisions in two local tournaments and making it to the Top 4 of the 2011 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament in Guam.

Jones had back-to-back monthly plums after winning in the PIC and DFS tournaments, while Miller notched the August award after a runner-up finish in the POCJ.

Rogolifoi, Cepeda, and Joshua Jones were chosen as September winners for helping the CNMI beat Guam, 8-4, in the gold medal game in the Pacific Games last month.

Yesterday's awardees are now eligible to win the 2011 TSL/ NMASA Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year, which will be announced next year. Other candidates for the coveted award were past winners Marion McKenzie (January), Lukas Kang (February), and Juan Maratita (March) in the male and female's Thea Minor (January and March).

NMASA is calling on awardees who have yet to receive their medals to coordinate with their respective sports association.

LADY

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varsity draw. Details about yesterday's varsity game between SIS and MHS will be released on Monday.

In contrast to what the final score implies, the Lady Rays-Lady Ayuyus game was very close during the first three quarters until SSHS pressed hard throughout the second half with a load of solid bench support. SSHS as a unit saved its best for a fourth-quarter sprint to the finish.

It was deadlocked at 12-all after the opening 10 minutes as KHS drew a handful of markers from Lady Rays' Czarina and Rese Lizama.

SSHS managed a slim 26-24 edge at halftime. Czarina Lizama stayed at the forefront from the guard position and added six points in the second quarter.

SSHS guard Roxanne Duenas heated up after the break and tallied nine points in the third quarter to help maintain a two-point lead, 39-37, heading into crunch time.

Notably, KHS' Elilai Pialug, who was held to only a handful in the first half, banged out eight points in the third quarter to keep KHS within reach.

SSHS' pressure defense did a great job scrapping for the ball in the fourth quarter, which complimented Daylinne Joseph, who was a force down low. Joseph powered in 11 points in the period, while Duenas racked up 12 points in transition.

Duenas led all scorers with 23 points, while KHS' Pialug managed 17 in the loss.

The junior varsity Lady Rays, meanwhile, rumbled to an early 8-0 lead in the first quarter and stretched it to a 12-6 advantage at the pause.

Vanessa Bartolo carried the torch with six points in the first half.

SSHS then shot out of a gun in the third quarter and spurted ahead, 29-12. Czarina Lizama nailed a late three-pointer for seven points in the period and the game was pretty well out of reach in the final 10 minutes.

Bartolo turned in a game-high 16 points, while Angela Iriarte led KHS with 10.

First Game

SSHS 66 – Duenas 23, Joseph 13, C. Lizama 13, Bartolo Vanessa 8, R Lizama 7, Cloren 7, Maui 2.

KHS 45 – Pialug 17, Dela Cruz 11, Ada 6, Jetly 4, Kaipat 3, Lara 2, Rosa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-12, 25-24, 39-37, 66-45.

Second Game

SSHS 41 – V. Bartolo 16, C. Lizama 11, Francisco 8, C. Bartolo 2, Santos 2, Kintaro 2.

KHS 14 – Iriarte 10, Cabrera 2, Jin 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-0, 12-6, 29-12, 41-14.

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'Victory sweeter second time around'

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Victory is indeed sweeter the second time around for MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt.

"We took our second championship at the time when no one expected us to win it so that made this championship more special than our first one," Ali'i Konflikt coach Norman Del Rosario.

Despite claiming the 2010 title against 2009 champion MDX/Chow Queen, when Ali'i Konflikt returned this season to defend the crown, it was not among the top favored squads in the Bud Cup. Namfrel/Proa, Bayani/Mobil, Cabalen/Noni, and VisMinda/Satbahi were.

Namfrel was heavily picked to make it all the way to the finals, boasting of the core of the CNMI National Men's Team. Bayani/Mobil was also on the list with the ever-reliable Jun Estolas on the squad. Cabalen and VisMinda were also selected after beefing up their rosters, while midway in the regular season, UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics emerged as one of the contenders with the Dave Sablan-led squad winning six straight games.

MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt was in the middle of the pack in the regular season as it had a roller-coaster ride in the elimination round. It dropped its first two games (against VisMinda, 74-87, and Proa, 73-83) before ending up with an even 4-4 record. Ali'i Konflikt was tied with Mobil and VisMinda for fourth to sixth place in the team standings and won the tiebreak, taking the No. 4 seeding.

"We really struggled in the regular season, as we missed three key players—Edsel Mendoza, Bruce Berline, and Darwin Barbo. We were left with a very small lineup with only Jawn Joyner capable of manning the center spot. Our players had to play out of position to fill those missing spots and it was very difficult for them," Del Rosario said.

After surviving the regular season, Ali'i Konflikt soldiered on in the controversial playoff round where every member of the team stepped up.

J.R. Barrios, a new recruit

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MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt's Ivan De Vero, right, goes for a hang-time move against Namfrel/Proa's Peter Mendiola during their championship game in the UFO Bud Cup last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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Saipan Southern High School's Roxanne Duenas flies past the defense for a fastbreak layup in Thursday's MISO girls basketball game against KHS at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Lady Rays wear out KHS in girls caging

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The Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays outlasted the Lady Ayuyus of Kagman High, 66-45, in Thursday's Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization varsity girls basketball game at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Rays evened their win-loss card to 1-1.

SSHS (2-0) also shone in the junior varsity tiff, trampling KHS (0-1), 41-14.

The season continues Tuesday at 4:30pm as SSHS takes on Saipan International School (1-0) in a

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Top student-athletes recognized

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Six students were presented with medals yesterday at the TSL Plaza for winning the TSL Foundation/NMASA Student Athletes of the Month awards.

Four of the awardees are from tennis, while the two others were part of the CNMI Baseball Team that won the gold medal in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

Tennis' Tammy Ackerman went home with two medals for winning the monthly plums in May and August, while her teammate, Mikayla Lopez, also claimed two awards for

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From left, TSL Foundation manager Ed Arriola, student-athletes Christian Miller, Rafael Jones, Tammy Ackerman, Vince Cepeda, Mikayla Lopez, and Ian Rogolifoi, and NMASA president Michael White pose for a group photo during the medals presentation for the TSL Foundation/NMASA monthly awardees yesterday at the TSL Plaza.

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Mieko Carey answers the question of one of the participants in last Thursday's free clinic at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

SSC free clinic draws 18 swimmers

Saipan Swim Club in cooperation with Mariana Resort & Spa held a free clinic last Thursday with 18 children participating in the one-hour event at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

XTERRA World champion veteran and pro triathlete Mieko Carey conducted the clinic.

"Some kids had never taken swim lessons and some of them can swim well. They were really listening well and tried to do their best during the one-hour lesson," Carey said.

"I could see everyone improved after the class. They had beautiful stroke. I had a great time win them and I hope I can do the same clinic in the future and help develop young swimmers on Saipan," she added.

The clinic drew participants as young as 6 and as old as 13 years old.

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